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Firemen's 'spy unit' shut despite saving millions

Clarkson: unit "better than private agents"

By Douglas Broom

AN UNDERCOVER unit which exposed a multi-million pound fraud by London firemen, involving bogus or inflated injury compensation claims, has been wound up despite protests from the chief fire officer.

Enquiries by *The Times* have established that the unit was effectively disbanded in March even though it had saved the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority almost £2.2 million in three years. The decision was taken in spite of commendations of its work by the Audit Commission and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Fire Services.

The fire authority is made up of councillors nominated by the 32 London boroughs: 15 Labour, 13 Conservative, four Liberal Democrats and one independent. It was they who decided to disband the investigation unit against the advice of the chief fire officer, Gerald Clarkson, who argued that using fire officers to look into bogus or exaggerated claims had proved more effective than hiring private investigators.

The authority voted to postpone, indefinitely, consideration of the unit's future. Officers who left its ranks were not replaced and the last member left last year. No explanation has been given for the unit's demise.

Cameron Geddes, Labour chairman of the authority's personnel committee, said that the unit had been disbanded. "It was a matter of principle that we did not feel it was any part of a fire fighter's function to spy on fellow fire fighters." He disputed the savings, saying those were based on estimates of the total value of claims lodged. Lawyers claimed "at the top of the scale" for a particular injury and more than half of all personal injury cases ended in the award of a lower figure without any imputation of fraud.

The unit, known as the Special Projects Group, was set up in July 1986 by senior officers. Protests by the Fire Brigades Union led to its existence being brought to the attention of the authority. An attempt to regularise its position by seeking authority from the policy and resources committee for its continued existence failed in March 1989 and the unit was gradually run down. Official documents show that 432 cases involving claims totalling more than £30 million were referred to the unit for investigation between July 1986 and its demise earlier this year. The unit fully investigated 37 of those and discovered only one to be entirely well-founded. The claims in these cases were cut from a total £3 million to £800,000.

The unit's existence was referred to in this year's annual report of the Audit Commission. Howard Davies, controller of the commission, said: "Our report attempted to alert local authorities to the problem of fraud and draw attention to good practice. This investigation unit struck us as being an example of such good practice." Mr Clarkson said: "I was instrumental, as the then deputy chief officer, in setting up the unit. I did so having spoken to the district auditor and having discussed it with the former chief officer. We advised the union, the members, the Metropolitan Police and Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire Services. I thought it was the proper thing to do given the rate of claims we were receiving, some of which we had reason to believe were doubtful. Clearly it had to be done professionally. It does not sit well with the British public which does not like things which smack of a police state and snooping. However the unit was very effective."

In a formal report on the unit, debated by members of the authority in March 1989 Mr Clarkson said that the unit was "considerably more effective than private enquiry agents who charge from £250 a day and have proved less able to produce evidence. It is from the work of the unit, rather than enquiry agents, that the largest reductions in damages have been achieved.

"Investigatory and surveillance work has not been undertaken lightly and it is known that it does not sit easily with most members and officers. However the authority is facing significant numbers of claims which at best are exaggerated and at worst fraudulent. The unpleasant facts of surveillance must therefore be weighed against the potential future loss to the ratepayer."

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Heath secures Saddam pledge to free hostages

From Nicholas Beeston in Baghdad

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein of Iraq yesterday promised to release possibly scores of British hostages in Iraq and Kuwait, Edward Heath, the former prime minister, said.

Speaking after three hours of talks with the Iraqi leader, Mr Heath said that details of the release would be disclosed today and that he planned to return home with the freed Britons tomorrow.

Although the release is unconditional, the former prime minister's very presence at the presidential palace in Bagdhad was regarded as a propaganda coup by the Iraqi leadership, which has been isolated since it invaded Kuwait in August.

Mr Heath said that he believed not enough efforts were being made on the diplomatic front to find a peaceful solution, a view which will anger Mrs Thatcher. She is determined that no talks can be held with Iraq until its forces are withdrawn from Kuwait.

Iraqi television led its evening news with the meeting, showing a smiling President Saddam, wearing a dark business suit instead of his customary green military uniform, shaking hands with Mr Heath, who was described by the newscaster as "his excellency", a title normally reserved for the Iraqi leader.

The news went on to show demonstrations in the US, France and the Soviet Union against the Western military build-up in the Gulf, but devoted the longest time to this weekend's poll tax demonstrations in London.

There are about 1,350 Britons in Iraq and Kuwait. Some 300 are being detained as human shields at some 30 strategic sites across the country, about 600 are still in hiding in Kuwait and about 450 are in Iraq having been refused exit visas.

Details of the number to be freed was still being negotiated yesterday between Mr Heath's aides and Iraqi officials. Before the talks, Mr Heath, in conjunction with the British embassy, drew up lists of the most deserving cases, particularly 53 sick and elderly hostages, and more than 100 passengers of a British Airways flight who were captured in transit at Kuwait airport when Iraq invaded.

"The president assured me that some British hostages will be returning to Britain as a result of my visit," Mr Heath said. "I explained to him that these were particular groups of people who I felt ought to return to their homes, and that retaining them in Iraq created ill feeling in Britain and did not help to reach a diplomatic solution. He was sympathetic to that. I was concerned with those with a particular reason for being released."

Trapped Britons said last night they were encouraged by the news but were not planning to celebrate until details were announced.

"I am on the list of sick people," said Ronald Eccles, director of the Common Cold and Nasal Research Centre at the University of Wales in Cardiff, who suffers from rheumatoid arthritis. "I am hopeful but not celebrating yet. If Mr Heath gets anybody out it will be wonderful."

Maureen Wilbraham from Blackpool, whose husband Tony has lung cancer and has been given 18 months to live, said she feared last-minute changes by the Iraqis.

"We have been hopeful in the past only to see our chances of leaving disappear, and I will only be satisfied once my husband and I are on the plane," she said.

At a news conference in Baghdad, Mr Heath avoided any outright criticism of the Bagdhad regime, but said that during President Saddam had given no indication of compromise on his annexation of Kuwait.

Mr Heath did not criticise Iraq for its invasion of Kuwait or the alleged atrocities of the Iraqi occupation forces. Although he refused to be drawn on his impressions of President Saddam he said that he was very impressed with the Iraqi leadership's detailed knowledge of world affairs, a possible reference to Tariq Aziz, the foreign minister.

The former prime minister emphasised the need for dialogue and diplomacy to counter the threat of war and appeared to be reinforcing moves by France and the Soviet Union for a compromise solution.

"I hope that the British will respond to the view that we should do everything possible through diplomatic means to find a solution," he said.

● LONDON: Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that making any concession to President Saddam to withdraw from Kuwait would be "very dangerous for the future."

It was important that the alliance "holds firm" on Iraq withdrawing unconditionally from Kuwait, he said on the BBC radio programme "The World this Weekend".

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By Richard Ford and Kevin Eason

THE government faces a pay battle with tens of thousands of public sector workers after signalling last night that it will resist demands to match above-inflation wage increases in private companies.

Unions are using the rises of 12 per cent and over won by staff at companies like Jaguar and Ford as their benchmark for the winter pay round. That is based on inflation of about 10.9 per cent. The government says, however, that an underlying inflation rate of 7 per cent, which excludes the poll tax and mortgage repayments, would be a more appropriate basis for negotiations.

Ministers last night stressed that there was no pay ceiling but in recent weeks have clamoured for restraint as wage deals have run into double figures in leading industrial companies.

The government's determination to keep public sector wage increases below price rises is shown in its evidence to the review body which recommends pay rises for nurses, midwives and health visitors. It says that the better measure for inflation is the 7 per cent underlying rate and that it does "not consider that substantial across the board rises would be appropriate". It also asks the review body to take account of the knock on effect of its proposals on other wage negotiations.

Defending the government's tough stance towards pay for health service workers, Michael Howard, the employment secretary, said: "That is an area where it is necessary to give a particular guide. In that area too the principle of cash limited budgets applies."

In an interview on BBC 1's *On the Record*, Mr Howard added: "If excessive wage increases are awarded, the consequence will be unemployment. That is a cardinal message."

The scale of the government's task in trying to persuade people to moderate wage demands is shown by an opinion poll published today. In spite of 11 years of ministerial exhortation on the need to defeat inflation, four out of ten people said it did not really matter if inflation was high, as long as wages rose at the same rate.

The Mori poll also found that 77 per cent expected inflation to be higher than five per cent for at least the next five years and that 82 per cent thought prices would rise no matter what the government

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'Take government to court' councils told

By Our Local Government Correspondent

COUNCILS are being advised to take the government to court if spending limits lead to more cuts in education spending, according to a confidential letter from Stephen Byers, the leader of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities.

The letter tells the education authorities to go to the High Court if charge-capping and spending limits prevent spending on the improvement of schools. Mr Byers has told authorities, including those in Greater London, Merseyside, Greater Manchester, West Yorkshire, South Yorkshire, Tyne and Wear and the West Midlands, that the extra £700 million John MacGregor, education secretary, has won from the Treasury will not be enough if spending curbs prevent local authorities from also using their own funds.

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Beirut warlord and family murdered

From Juan Carlos Gumucio in Baabda, Lebanon

GUNMEN dressed in military fatigues and armed with silencer-fitted automatic pistols yesterday assassinated a member of one of Lebanon's great warlord clans and a leading supporter of General Michel Aoun and his family in a Christian suburb of Beirut patrolled by the Lebanese and the Syrian armies.

The killing of Dany Chamoun, his wife and two young sons raised fears of more violence one week after the defeat of General Aoun planted hopes for a settlement in Lebanon.

Mr Chamoun, the 56-year-old son of the late president Camille Chamoun, was the leader of the National Liberal Party whose staunch opposition to Syria's involvement in Lebanon and his old links with Israel made him numerous enemies among pro-Damascus forces in Lebanon.

But his challenge to the Christian "Lebanese Forces" militia also proved very dangerous since July 7, 1980, when he escaped an attempt on his life during a bloody Phalangist assault on his party strongholds in the coastal town of Safra, north of Beirut.

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Nadir flies to Cyprus

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

ASIL Nadir, head of Polly Peck International, has flown to Northern Cyprus in an attempt to gain access to funds from the island's banks to save his fruit, trading and electronics group from collapse.

PPI is threatened with administration by a group of 100 short-term lenders who are expected to demand repayment of £50 million, which the company cannot afford. The lenders will meet company executives today or tomorrow.

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Carbon-copy crash reopens motor racing feud

Senna: "I don't give a damn what Prost says"

From Joe Joseph in Tokyo

IN AN uncanny re-run of last year's Japanese Grand Prix, the world motor-racing championship was decided yesterday by a crash at Suzuka between the Brazilian driver, Ayrton Senna and the Frenchman, Alain Prost, thus reviving the bitter feud between the two.

The crashes were almost identical, but the outcome the opposite. In both Senna drove into Prost, trying to force his way through at a corner. Last year's incident left Senna disqualified and Prost the champion for the third time. This year's, which occurred at the first corner, presented Senna with his second title and left Prost too far behind on championship points to overtake him in the one remaining race.

The two drivers had ended an 18-month silence with a much-trampeted reconciliation at Monza last month. Now they have reverted to their old bruising ways. Prost yesterday called Senna's behaviour "disgusting".

"He has completely destroyed everything again," said Prost. "I hope that everyone can see he has not been honest ... I thought he was one of the human race and fair on the track. But he was not. He just did not brake and he did it on purpose. With Senna, Formula-One has become a real war. He is ready to risk death for the title." After securing the pole position on Saturday, Senna had prophesied: "I'm sure I'll have the second championship of my career, maybe before the race finishes tomorrow."

Yesterday he claimed that the track officials were partly to blame because they had refused his request for the pole position to be switched to the outside, which would have given him a clearer line to the first corner. "We got to the corner very close together. There was a gap. I went for the gap. He unfortunately closed the door and I could not avoid the collision ... He knows I always go for a gap. As usual, he has his point of view. But he has tried to destroy me and he will not. I know what I can do and I don't give a damn what he says."

After careering into Prost at Suzuka last year, Senna said: "That was the only place where I could overtake and somebody who should not have been there just closed the door and that was that." Prost, as prophetic as his tormentor, complaioed of Senna at the time: "He is driving too hard. If you have two drivers like us then there will be a crash every time."

For the record, the race was won by Senna's team-mate, Nelson Piquet.

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Britain's entry to ERM stymies Labour's line on Europe

Labour used to deride the Common Market as a capitalist club. Today, however, Neil Kinnock says that Britain's future lies in Europe. Robin Oakley reports on the new European dimension in Labour's policies

ON EUROPE, Labour's fox has been shot. Until the chancellor's dramatic move on the eve of the Conservative conference, what differentiated Labour and Conservative approaches to the European Community was the Labour party's open enthusiasm for joining the exchange-rate mechanism of the European monetary system.

That was, however, on conditions that included an EC commitment to growth, a strengthening of regional support and special collaboration between EC central banks "to combat speculation and take account of the fact that sterling is a heavily traded international currency", as the party's policy document, *Looking to the Future*, says.

Labour's turnabout on the EC is ooe of the more remarkable features of the party's transformation. It used to deride the common market as a capitalist club and, for the 1983 election, pledged Britain's withdrawal. Neil Kinnock said then that he "wanted out" of the EC, but he became convinced that Britain's future lay in Europe before becoming party leader later that year and has since worked to bring his party round.

He has made clear in interviews, however, that he is oot enamoured of any federalist Europe or closer economic and monetary union that would restrict the budget-making capacities of British governments. Labour, too, is opposed to the single European currency and an independent European central bank.

With Britain now in the ERM, however, it will be hard for Labour to present to electors a distinctive line on the EC that buttresses the party's claim to be more wholeheartedly European than the Tories. Party spokesmen are now edging across to a softer line on the single currency and the central bank. Last week, Chris Smith, a shadow treasury spokesman, said that Labour did not have any hard and fast lines against a central bank if it was democratically accountable.

So what else is distinctive in Labour's approach? George Robertson, the party's front bench spokesman on Europe, says that Labour would improve democratic accountability in Europe by giving the European parliament powers (at present restricted to the commission) to iostitute legislation as well as to comment on proposals by the commission and the Council of Ministers. The party would wish to see the European parliament given the right to a "second reading" on decisions by the Council of Ministers on social and environmental matters, as well as on single European market proposals, so complementing (not replacing) the work of national parliaments.

On Community enlargement, Mr Robertson says: "We mean it, Mrs Thatcher doesn't." Labour would support Austria's application for EC membership and any further applications from EFTA countries, as well as those from eastern European states as they became democratic market economies. There is a sharp difference of emphasis with the present government on regional support. Labour wants the creation of the single European market balanced by what Mr Robertson calls "reasonably ambitious" measures of regional support for countries on the periphery, such as Scotland and Denmark.

Mr Robertson chairs a Labour front bench committee which is presently examining problems and priorities for the second half of 1992, when Britain has the chance to set the European agenda during its next six month term in the EC presidency. At the moment, it is looking at ways in which Britain's experience in regional policy and health and safety legislation can lead to development of the social charter and regional policies.

Mr Robertson says that Labour is happy to accept the social charter, which is being resisted all the way by the Thatcher government, and the legislative programme required to implement its measures. The party is prepared to sacrifice its long-maintained devotion to the closed shop "in order to get the good bits".

The differences between the parties are clear enough, then. What we do not see at the moment are the differences within the Labour party on Europe. Some 80 Labour MPs are technically still members of the Labour common market safeguards committee, a rallying point for Euro-sceptics. They include nine members of Mr Kinnock's shadow cabinet.

The party's switch in European policy has been dictated more by electoral necessity than universal overnight conversion. In government, Labour would be split between Euro-fanatics, Euro-sceptics and a large body of mainstreamers bumbling along at a pace too slow to suit M Delors and most of Britain's EC partners.

Consumers' panel wins access to food talks

By DAVID YOUNG

THE new Consumer Food Panel has won concessions that will allow its members access to previously secret government committees.

Panel members, who met last week in Norwich and who were told instantly of the discovery by government food specialists that vitamin A could be harmful to pregnant women, are likely to be invited to sit in as confidential observers on special committees that study pesticides, veterinary products and novel food.

The panel was set up by the agriculture, food and fisheries ministry after criticism of its handling of past food scandals, such as the outbreaks of listeria in soft cheese and salmonella in eggs, and worries about bovine spongiform encephalopathy, "mad cow disease", as well as protests against food irradiation and chemical sprays.

The concession comes in the wake of pressure from members, notably Suzi Leather, the representative of the National Consumer Council. She suggested that the panel could be in danger of becoming nothing more than a public relations exercise or an impotent talking shop. Mrs Leather is now convinced that progress is being made. "We were told of the vitamin A issue as soon as the agriculture ministry were made aware of the findings of its specialists. That would have been unthinkable before.

"It now seems that some of our suggestions are being listened to and there is much more openness between the panel and agriculture ministry officials."

The panel wants to set up a register of the interests of those sitting on all special government advisory committees but that can be done only after talks with all other government departments.

It is also working to tighten the rules on what is meant by "commercial confideotiality" so that food producers can no longer use the blanket term to refuse to give information which affects consumers.

The panel was designed to be powerful enough to change government policy. It has nine members chosen by consumer protection groups and has a say in future food policies such as irradiation and chemical pesticides.

Members are able to complain directly to the government about problems in the shops. The panel was set up by John Gummer, the agriculture minister, who sought to avoid the problems faced by his luckless predecessor over food contamination controversies.

Catwalking: a model displays the latest designs from Lacroix in Paris yesterday. The designer has simplified his style and softened his curvy cut

Lacroix mellows his bright ideas

By LIZ SMITH, FASHION EDITOR

CHRISTIAN Lacroix, the designer who lit up Paris fashion with his love of bright colours and clash of vibrant prints, is toning down his ideas.

Now that the rest of the fashion business is following his lead, with strident colour and print served up at every show over the weekend, the trendsetting designer has simplified his style and softened the curvy cut that is his trademark.

At his show yesterday, held in his colourful couture house in the Fanbourg St Honore, he paraded both his ready-to-wear line and the more expensive Lacroix luxe collection. In both the Lacroix lines one senses his need to prove that he can make simple, wearable clothes.

"I am tired of gimmicks" he said. The proportion are simpler and new.

It is a sensible reaction to the world of fashion in retailing. In the three years since he established his fashion house, M. Lacroix has often faced adverse reaction to his extravaganzas and clashes of colour. The first Lacroix fragance line was launched earlier this year.

Called *C'est la Vie*, its lack of lack of success can be shrugged off in the carefree spirit of its name. That is life in the fashion business today and it faces hard times.

The new streamlined Lacroix line includes a group of simple silk crepe dresses draped over lace underskirts and a group of suits in one solid colour, albeit bright. There are longer blazers to wear over short dresses as well as his favourite low-scooped jackets nipped in at the waist.

But his electric sense of colour is not tamed, with fuchsia pink mixed with red and mauve, lime and brown ending up in the one outfit.

One group of prints is called Hommage to the Marquis, dedicated to the maestro of pattern, who is presently enjoying a revival, the florentine marchese Emilio Pucci.

Child benefit 'to be frozen next year'

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

CHILD benefit is expected to be frozen next year for the fourth year in succession.

Tony Newton, the social security secretary fought in the annual public spending round for an increase in the benefit which is at present £7.25p a week per child. However, the Treasury ruled out an increase because it had already added £2 billion to Mr Newton's departmental budget.

Opposition MPs and some Conservative backbenchers will attack the decision when Mr Newton makes his announcement during a Commons statement this week in which he will give details of increases in a range of benefits including family credit and housing benefit.

Robin Squire, Conservative MP for Hornchurch, said yesterday that the decision not to uprate child benefit, which at present costs £4.5 billion a year, was a mistake. "It goes to the heart of what we mean by assistance for the family. We ought to be recognising that people with children need some assistance, not to be treated exactly as those without children."

However, Mr Newton's £52.8 billion departmental budget faces a large bill next April to meet the automatic uprating of many social security benefits linked to last month's inflation rate of 10.9 per cent.

The last Conservative election manifesto promised to maintain child benefit, but its future is the subject of debate within the party as ministers and MPs consider alternatives for inclusion in the party's next manifesto.

Those who support continuation of the benefit have argued that it should be central to the government's family policy and that it is the one benefit that goes direct to the mother. Critics have argued that it gives money to rich as well poor families but have been unable to produce a feasible way of directing it at those families most in need of the money. Others have suggested the return of child tax allowances, a scheme believed to have attracted Mrs Thatcher's attention, but which the Treasury says would be too expensive.

Others have argued for a two tier system with an increase in benefit for families with children under five while leaving it frozen for others. Critics say that that proposal is over simplistic and it could be argued that it is when children are over five that families most need help.

Fran Bennett, director of the Child Poverty Action group, said yesterday that if child benefit is frozen for a fourth year, families with children will see through the government's fine words about family policy.

Peaceful protests by disabled

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THOUSANDS of disabled people protested peacefully against disability benefits this weekend. Fears of disruption by militants at three meetings in Glasgow, Manchester and London were not realised.

Problems with access and transport kept many more away. Physical problems included the wheelchair ramp into Trafalgar Square which took people into an area cut off by a barrier.

The Disability Benefits Consortium, the umbrella group for disability organisations, arranged the rallies. More than 5,000 people turned out in the largest day of action taken to date by disabled people, the organisers said. The consortium is to meet later this week to look at a "rolling programme of action" to campaign for a comprehensive disability payment.

£70m town centre plan approved

By RONALD FAUX

THE environment department has given conseot for a £70 millioo redevelopment in Lancaster, ending mooths of uncertainty over the future of the city ceotre.

A swathe of gap sites, uocherished 1960s development and a fire-damaged market hall are to go, to be replaced by buildings designed to blend with Lancaster's Georgian architecture and to transform the heart of the historic county town.

Since the scheme was chosen uncertainty over planning approval has given way to questions about the power of the high street to produce a return to justify the investment. Lancaster has the permission, but some doubt that the financial climate will allow hope to be transformed into occupied shops and offices.

Confirming the city council's plans to demolish all but the facade of ooe listed building, close ancient alleyways, move the old market hall and purchase compulsorily properties within the boundary of the plan, the report by Michael Cross, the environment departmeot inspector, points out that there is oo evidence of a firm commitment by a national retail store to provide an anchor for the development.

He agreed that the size of the proposal and its effect on the city centre's historic character had been well tested and generally justified, but his report made clear that the performance of some retail stores may raise a doubt in the mind of Chris Patten, the environment secretary.

Martin Widden, of the Lancaster civic society, said that the development had been planned when the retail trade was flourishing, but now husioesses were in difficulty. "It will be bard to go ahead with a scheme of this size."

Paul Mellor, of the Lancaster chamber of commerce, trade and industry, said that the city oeeded its new centre to serve a wider area.

Jews complain at board member

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS REPORTER

LEADERS of the Jewish community in Britain yesterday dissociated themselves from the views of a senior member of the Board of Deputies of British Jews in response to a letter he wrote to *The Times* last month.

Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, president of the Board of Deputies, said the views expressed by Geoffrey Alderman, a London university professor of history: "cause harm to British Jewry". Dr Kopelowitz said that the honorary officers of Professor Alderman's constituency, the Clapton Synagogue, had also dissociated themselves from his views. In the published letter, Professor Alderman referred to an article on the Guinness trial, in which three of the defendents were Jews. He said that he was astounded at the extent to which his British co-religionists behave, as if the normal rules of justice "rules which they themselves expect to be applied by the non-Jewish world — do not apply *within* Jewish communities".

Professor Alderman has also called for self-defence neighbourhood watch groups to combat attacks oo the Jewish community.

Hallowe'en warning on the occult

Next week's Hallowe'en celebrations might seem innocuous but could be a doorway to the occult, evangelical Christian leaders from throughout Europe said at a conference in Easthourne, East Sussex, yesterday.

The growth of the hallowe'en "trick and treat" practice fostered fear in the elderly and promoted selfish and unacceptable values in the young. The church had to warn against the dangers of even superficial iovolvement jo occult practices, the Council of the European Evangelical Alliance said.

Killer escapes

Frederick Williams, aged 32, who was serving 15 years for murder and rape, has escaped from Gloucester prisoo after being allowed out to play in a rock band. Brian O'Dell, aged 26, who is serving five years for robbery, also disappeared during a performance by the group, Inside Out, at a home for physically handicapped children at Minchinhampton, in Gloucestershire.

Exam protest

University lecturers have said that they will refuse to mark examination papers unless they win an above-inflation pay deal. The Association of University Teachers approved preparation of a package of industrial action which would include ooe-day strikes. It said members' pay had fallen up to 20 per cent behind that of comparable professionals.

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Poll tax curbs force councils to implement sweeping cuts

By Ray Clancy

AN INVESTIGATION by *The Times* of capped councils has discovered sweeping cuts, many affecting the elderly and disabled. Reductions in services mean fewer libraries and museums, increased charges for swimming pools and sports centres, higher bus fares and fewer grants for voluntary agencies.

Almost all the councils are expected to impose further cuts in 1991/92 as a result of being capped this year. One of the most forceful messages from finance departments is that capping must be avoided. Councils are therefore likely to operate a self-imposed capping system to avoid a repeat of this year's financial chaos. They will, however, have to draw a fine line between cuts and providing the essential services that are part of their statutory duty.

The government is expected to announce next year's capping criteria in three weeks' time and most strategists believe they will be as stringent as this year, throwing councils into a round of proposed cuts.

The treasurer in **Avon** has already suggested cuts of up to £50 million next year, partly because of the financial adjustments made to cope with this year's reduced budget. The county council made cuts of £27.8 million, £15 million of which came from adjustments that cannot be made again.

Building and road maintenance programmes have been cut by £6.6 million and budgets for day care and residential provision for those with learning difficulties have been frozen. Civic amenity sites are now closed on Sundays, the budget for library materials has been cut by £200,000, charges have been increased and the building of libraries postponed.

The council has reduced enforcement of trading standards to save money. Social services have been given no cash for extra child protection teams, there have been reductions in extra staff for children's homes and budgets for day care for the elderly and physically disabled have been cut.

Basildon has reduced its budget by £4.6 million. Most of that, £3.1 million, was found by using house sales receipts to pay debt charges, but leisure facilities have been closed or the charges increased. The cost of bus passes for the elderly has gone up and the number of food and fuel vouchers reduced. There have also been cuts in the council's alarm service for disabled people.

Cuts of £7.6 million have been made in **Bristol** of which £4.9 million was found "from various financial wizardries". The rest has been made up from stopping recruitment and putting up charges for items such as licence fees, planning applications and car parking.

In **Calderdale**, reserves have been used to minimise the effects of capping but the Labour-controlled council is worried about next year. Areas likely to be cut include transport for disabled students attending adult education courses, reduction in the summer youth and community programme, museum closures and reduced council house repairs. The council is also considering postponing plans for a new day centre for people with profound physical difficulties.

In **Derbyshire**, this year's budget has been cut by £45 million with general reductions in all services including closing 11 libraries and cutting grants to voluntary bodies.

Doncaster district council has trimmed £5.5 million from its spending and finance officers have said that £10 million needs to be cut next year. A day care centre and unemployed workers' centre are to be shut.

The London Borough of **Hillingdon** has been implementing cuts of £7 million as a result of capping and next year there is the possibility of cutting back by £25 million. Threatened services include school meals, day centres, home helps, and education for those with learning difficulties.

Cuts of £9.2 million have been made in the London Borough of **Lambeth** of which £8.8 million is a direct result of capping. The council expects to collect overall only 85 per cent of the poll tax that is owed. This will create problems for next year's finances.

Although the Labour council is against sweeping cuts in essential services, the closure of a children's home is being considered and leisure centre opening hours could be reduced, and Brixton leisure centre closed.

Rochdale decided in August to reduce its budget by £12 million over two years to cope with capping. Two libraries have been closed, charges increased at leisure centres and opening hours reduced, and 200 jobs lost.

St Helens is considering cuts of between £9 and £13 million next year. The council has already reduced spending by £3.9 million because of capping. Sending out new bills has cost a further £439,000. Nalgo, the local government union, said that it was worried about the decentralisation of the council's young people's resource team which it fears could undermine juvenile court work and create problems for the probation service.

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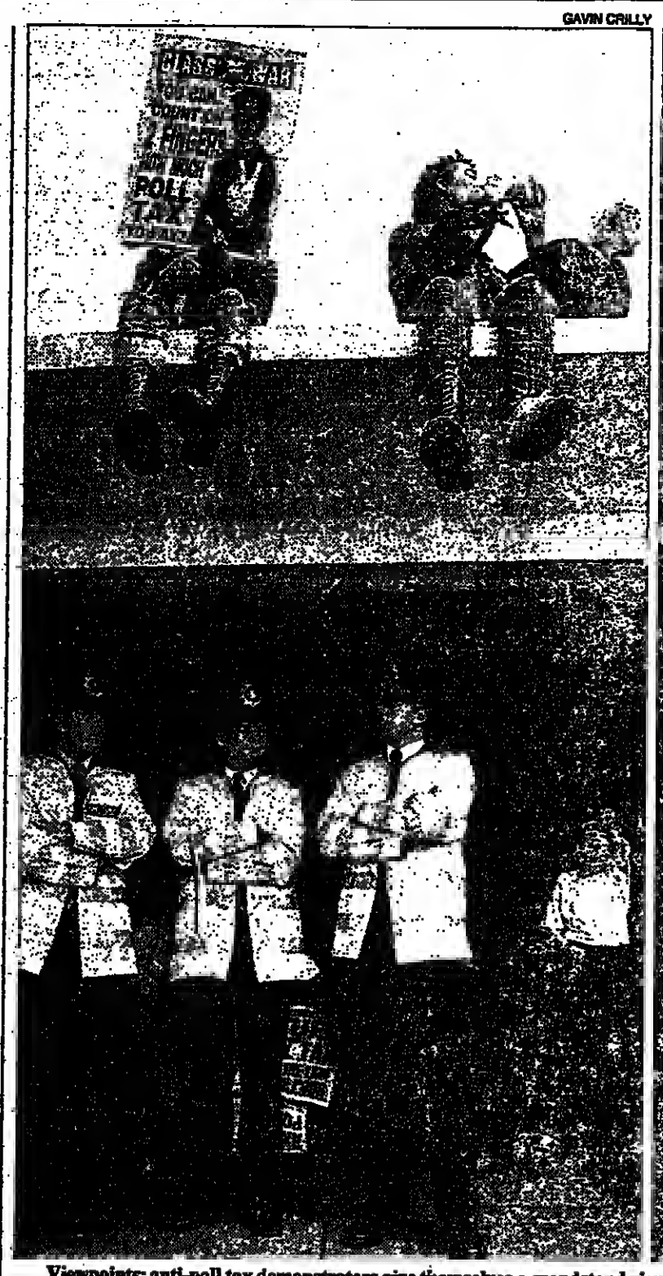


SIMON TOWNSLEY

Viewpoints: anti-poll tax demonstrators give themselves a grandstand view from the roof of a shelter of the main body of the rally which gathered peacefully in Brockwell Park, south London, early on Saturday. Later in the day, however, police grappled with protesters on the streets of Brixton after 2,000 marchers left the main rally and confronted police outside Brixton prison

Ninety-one charged over poll tax riot

By Jamie Dettmer

NINETY-one anti-poll tax demonstrators were charged yesterday in connection with the riot in Brixton, south London, on Saturday in which 45 police officers were injured and shops damaged.

A police report detailing how the riot flared after a peaceful march and rally will be delivered today to David Waddington, the home secretary, who is likely to face stiff questioning from MPs about the re-appearance of anti-poll tax violence.

The looting and rioting came after a crowd of 2,000 left the main body of the march at 4.30pm and confronted police outside Brixton prison, where four people are serving sentences for their part in the Trafalgar Square anti-poll tax riot in March.

Until then, the protest organised by the All Britain Anti-Poll Tax Federation which attracted 10,000 people, had been peaceful. Police had given permission for a picket outside the prison but were surprised by the numbers leaving the rally.

Marching under a banner reading "Class War Rent-A-Mob On Tour" several hundred tried to break down metal railings which separated them from police. Demonstrators allege that the police were heavy-handed and they reject police claims that the protest was taken over by anarchists. Reports from bystanders, however, blamed the three hours of fighting on a minority of trouble-makers.

Scotland Yard said that police had come under a barrage of missiles before they moved against the crowd. Three petrol bombs were thrown at police and four unused petrol bombs were found in a garden opposite the prison yesterday.

There were 105 arrests and six civilians injured. Of those arrested, 66 per cent are unemployed, 40 per cent from outside London and 88 per cent are under 30.

'Great onus on leader writers'

By William Cash

NEWSPAPER leader writers have a special responsibility to get their facts right, the Press Council said in upholding a complaint against *The Sun*.

Emphasising the importance of such editorial responsibility for the first time in a judgment on a case, Ken Brown, director of the council, said the authority bestowed upon leader writers gave them a special duty to be accurate.

The Sun had claimed in a leading article that most homeless "dossers" slept rough by personal choice, as local councils were legally bound to provide temporary shelter for them, and said the public was being "blackmailed" by "professional weepers" into feeling guilty.

After a complaint from the Housing Campaign for Single People, the council ruled that the article was inaccurate, as local authorities were obliged only to provide shelter for priority groups, such as the aged and disabled.

In a separate case, the council ruled that a *News of the World* report on a hospital visit by Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, was an "unjustifiable intrusion" into his privacy. The report suggesting Mr Ashton was being treated by nurses whose behaviour he had earlier criticised "rested on unsubstantiated assertions".

● The Guild of British Newspaper Editors has protested to David Waddington, the home secretary, about proposed changes to laws on journalism. Ian Beales, editor of the *Western Daily Press* and chairman of the guild's parliamentary and legal committee, has told Mr Waddington that his organisation is against any statutory regulations on newspapers.

AGENDA
The week ahead

Today
David Waddington, the home secretary, launches national fire safety week. Terry Marsh, the former boxer, goes on trial at the Central Criminal Court for attempted murder. The Princess Royal faces speeding charges at Stow-on-the-Wold magistrates' court. Ian Gow's memorial service is held at St Margaret's, Westminster.

Tomorrow
The President of Italy arrives for a state visit. CND protests against the presence of a nuclear warship in London.

Wednesday
Cecil Parkinson, transport secretary, launches a children's road safety campaign and attends a conference on ecology-friendly freight transport. The Queen and the President of Italy visit the Lion of Venice exhibition at the British museum.

Thursday
The Princess of Wales attends a service at St Paul's cathedral marking the 50th anniversary of the blitz. Bill Wyman, of the Rolling Stones, signs books in Oxford Street.

Friday
Ian Botham, the cricketer, expected in Ipswich at the end of a fund-raising walk from Aberdeen.

Saturday
Ulster Unionists hold a conference in Newcastle, Co Down.

Sunday
Clocks go back.

£15m centre aims to halt breast cancer

By Thomson Prentice
Medical Correspondent

A £15 MILLION research centre with the sole aim of eradicating breast cancer is to be established in a British hospital.

The centre, claimed to be the world's first of its kind, has woo the support of leading specialists. It will promote the best research into the disease and back the most promising new projects, organisers said yesterday.

The unit is to be based at the Royal Marsden Hospital in Surrey, alongside the Institute of Cancer Research, which together form the largest cancer treatment complex in Europe. Plans involve a £10 million building, new equipment worth £1 million, and a £4 million investment in long-term research. Building work could begin in 1993.

About 15,000 women in Britain die from breast cancer each year, with about 24,000 new cases diagnosed annually. The mortality rate has not improved in the last 30 years in spite of advances in diagnosis and treatment.

A charity called BreakThrough has been formed in London to raise finance for the centre. The institute and the Cancer Research Campaign intends to support it with £3.6 million. Big companies, trusts and foundations are being asked to help. "The aim is to produce a programme with a long-term commitment to finding a cure," Barry Gusterson, professor of pathology at the institute, and director designate of the centre, said yesterday.

● Five years of medical research into muscle disorders including muscular dystrophy was lost yesterday in a fire which caused damage estimated at more than £500,000 to a wing at Hammersmith Hospital in west London (Peter Victor writes).

Police are treating the blaze as suspicious. It broke out in the early hours of yesterday morning in the hospital's J wing.

Research into muscle disorders, led by Professor Victor Dubowitz and funded by the Muscular Dystrophy Group, was carried out in a laboratory on the top floor of the wing. Paul Herbage, the hospital's general manager, said: "The whole area has been destroyed. Five years of research has been lost." He said that there had been two minor arson attempts last weekend in the accident department.

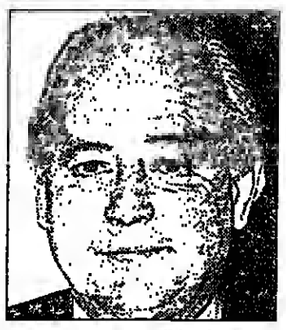
The damaged laboratory was the only Jerry Lewis muscle research centre outside the United States. It was built in 1974 with a grant from the Muscular Dystrophy Association of America.

Bomb case appeal unlikely this year

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

THE new appeal by the Birmingham Six is not expected to be heard until the start of next year at the earliest, according to police and legal sources yesterday. Neither police enquiries nor legal investigations into a possible miscarriage of justice will be complete before Christmas.

The third appeal on behalf of the six since their convictions in 1975 for the worst IRA bombing in mainland Britain was launched when David Waddington, the home secretary, announced seven weeks ago that he was sending the case back to the appeal court. He acted after receiving an interim report from a Devon and Cornwall police team looking into the case which suggested that notes of an interview with one of the six might not all have been made at the same time.



Waddington: sent Birmingham Six case to the appeal court

Initial hopes of a speedy resolution of a case that has haunted the legal establishment and the Home Office for the past five years now seem unlikely.

The hearing would be speeded up if Allan Green, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, decided not to contest the appeal. He will take no decision before receiving the final Devon and Cornwall police report and taking advice from a team of counsel that is examining all the evidence in the case. The other chance of a swift hearing would lie in the discovery of dramatic and overwhelming evidence supporting the appeal.

The Devon and Cornwall police team, led by Chief Supt John Essiery, began work in March after lawyers for the six submitted fresh evidence to the Home Office. In August, the team, which is the largest unit formed to look at a specific case of potential injustice, sent the home secretary an interim report raising new evidence on a police record.

Tests using a new system, called electro-static principle screening, were conducted. The new evidence, according to a lawyer for four of the six, raises fresh questions over former Detective Supt George Reade, who was in charge of the original case.

The Devon and Cornwall police team is now looking at the evidence that originally prompted the investigation to be reopened. A full final report will go to the DPP in London early next year.

In the meantime, a team of four counsel led by Graham Boal, senior Treasury counsel, is examining all the evidence, going back to the original case in 1975. Their final advice to the DPP will not be ready until this task is finished and the police have reported.

The imprisoned men would soon be eligible for parole. Earlier this year, they let it be known that they would not apply and would only leave prison if their names were cleared.

Dead parrots prove no laughing matter for breeders

WHILE the Liberal Democrat "parrot" twitched into life at the Eastbourne by-election last week, dozens of other members of the *psittacidae* bird family were dying inexplicably around the country.

Parrots, some worth up to £1,000, have been dying at an alarming rate, victims, it is believed, of a mystery virus that affects their digestive systems and prevents them absorbing food.

Mrs Thatcher's likening of the Liberal Democrat's new logo, a bird in flight, to *Monty Python's* dead parrot at the Tory party conference in Bournemouth provoked little hilarity among Britain's parrot breeders, some of whom are facing losses of more than £100,000. Breeders are anxious about the prospects for the parrot in Britain. "You can be feeding an apparently quite healthy bird and two hours later it has keeled over," Mike Liddel-Taylor, a commercial breeder, said.

The latest theory is that tap water is in some way responsible and scientists in East Anglia, the worst affected region, have been asked for a chemical analysis of the water supply. "It could be that a substance in the water, chlorine for instance, does not agree with parrots," Anglian Water, said. Mr Liddel-Taylor, who runs the Parrot Park Trading Company at Beeston, Norfolk, said: "Everyone is losing birds. Many are species which are extremely rare in captivity, never mind in the wild."

Autopsies on several have shown that the disease breaks down enzymes in the birds' guts and prevents them from absorbing food. Mr Liddel-Taylor has lost ten birds worth £10,000 in the past five weeks. The Veterinary Investigation Service at Cambridge has also been asked to help.

● Many of Britain's hedgehogs will die from starvation this winter if they do not get urgent help, conservationists said yesterday (Peter Victor writes).

Recent hot weather has reduced the number of slugs and worms which make up the the staple diet of hedgehogs seeking to build up their reserves before hibernation.

Nick Bruce, of the Lancashire Trust for Nature Conservation, said that the food shortage could spell disaster. "People have reported hedgehogs turning up in their gardens in the middle of the day, wandering around and looking confused and sick." He appealed for emergency food aid to help the prickly-backed creatures through their hibernation which will be triggered by the coming cold weather. He said people should leave out a bowl of dog or cat food and some water for the hungry creatures to fatten them up. Milk and bread, however, could upset their stomachs, he said.

"Seventy five per cent of the creatures die in their first year through getting squashed on the roads or falling through cattle grids," Mr Bruce said.

"If the food shortage stops them reaching a minimum weight of 1lb before the winter even more will die."

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How the Secret Squirrels exposed firemen's bogus claims

A firemen's special group has been run down, despite its saving millions of pounds and in the face of the chief fire officer's protest. Douglas Broom finds out the secrets of the success of the undercover unit that investigated bogus or inflated injury compensation claims

WHAT was supposed to have been the London Fire Brigade's best kept secret has become a fictionalised feature of London Weekend Television's series, *London's Burning*, watched by 12 million viewers.

The Special Projects Group, set up in July 1986 and disbanded in March, is seen at work on Sunday nights as viewers follow the adventures of a fireman known by his nickname of Technique. The man, who works while on sick leave, is followed and watched by two men who later appear in uniform reporting their findings to a senior officer. The cast refer to them as the Secret Squirrels.

Viewers have accepted it as fiction but documents seen by *The Times* make it clear that the character Technique bears a resemblance to the case of a real fireman, Len Howlett, who dropped a £3,000 injury claim after being filmed taking part in a body-building contest while still on sick leave.

Howlett, who was disciplined and resigned, had claimed that an accident at work had left him with a frozen shoulder. A video taken by the unit shows him flexing his clearly unfrozen muscles on stage. The brigade confirmed that the character was based on a real case, "with allowances for artistic licence".

Members of the Special Projects Unit travelled all over Britain to check on claimants whose alleged injuries came under suspicion. Initially the unit was equipped with two fire brigade vans which were resprayed and fitted with mirror glass. Still cameras were purchased and video cameras were loaned by the training unit. Later when posters appeared at fire stations warning "Brigade Snooper Vans – Checking on You" and giving the registration numbers of the vans, hired vehicles were substituted.

Cases came under suspicion in a variety of ways. In one case a fireman's estranged wife telephoned senior officers to say that he was working in a public house. After investigation his claim of £60,000 was reduced to £2,000. In another a landlady, owed rent by a fireman, disclosed that he had been working for her while allegedly suffering a back injury. His claim of £60,000 was settled for £500.

Members of the unit had to go to great lengths to catch bogus or exaggerated claimants. In one investigation an officer lay buried under leaves on the edge of building site for a day to photograph a fireman who was working while allegedly sick.

Hostility against the unit grew as rumours of its activities spread but senior officers regarded speculation among the ranks as helpful in deterring possible fraud. Senior firemen accept that inflated claims are increasing and blame the national firemen's strike of November 1977 to January 1978 for a sea-change in attitudes within fire brigades. Dissatisfaction was expressed in a greater willingness to report sick after minor injuries and that led to a growing realisation of the opportunities to claim damages.

In addition it became clear that, under the firemen's pension scheme, there were "good" and "bad" times to have an accident which forced a fireman out of the brigade. A fireman with ten years and one day's service qualifies for a pension equivalent to one paid to a man with 20 years' service if he leaves because of an injury classed as "due to service". The unit's investigations showed that this loophole was being exploited. Men who had accidents ten years into their careers either exaggerated their symptoms or waited until they had ten years service before complaining of a relapse. As well as a pension they would then claim for future loss of earnings caused by their disability.

Len Howlett filmed in body-building contest: dropped £3,000 injury claim

Not all the injuries occurred on fire brigade duty. The unit found cases of sporting injuries being claimed as service injuries. In a small but worrying proportion of cases firemen provided bogus witness statements to accidents that never occurred. In one case a fireman with a broken jaw, some of whose colleagues claimed to have witnessed his fall down stairs, was found to have suffered his injury in a fight with another fireman.

A measure of the reaction from the the London Fire and Civil Defence Authority to the annual report, which referred to the existence of the special unit, can be gained from the opening of a subsequent report by chief fire officer, Gerald Clarkson, in March of this year in which he wrote: "In view of the strong views expressed by members I considered it inappropriate to continue with arrangements for in-house investigation." Dave Higgs, national officer of the Fire Brigades Union, said: "I must accept that there have been a very small number of fraudulent claims but we cannot and will not condone that kind of activity.

"The vast majority of firemen are courageous and dedicated people who protect the public. This union brings cases on behalf of members and it is possible that some people will fool our lawyers and their medical advisers But we do not condone it. It brings the whole process into disrepute."

The union changed its rules this year to give it the power to reclaim legal costs from any member who pursues a fraudulent claim. Mr Higgs said the union did not approve of the use of covert methods to "snoop" on firemen. "The employer has a statutory right to go to a person's home if they are sick so there is no need for snooping," he said.

The union announced in July that it had won £5,271,473 for its members in compensation claims in 1989, £1 million more than in the previous year Mr Higgs said that the figures reflected the dangers involved in being a fire fighter, and rejected any suggestion that claims were inflated. The "vast majority" of the 8 per cent of claims which failed last year were due to lack of evidence or contributory negligence, he said.

Although the issue of covert surveillance provoked the political controversy which led to the unit being wound up, the practice is commonly employed by insurance companies and social security investigators.

David McIntosh, a senior partner in Davies Arnold Cooper, London solicitors, who has 25 years experience in personal injury litigation, said: "The use of covert methods is justified because evidence cannot be obtained in any other way If the defendant's solicitor simply said to his opposite number 'We believe your chap is cheating, is that correct?' he would have time to get his story straight."

Mr McIntosh said most fraudulent claims were "malingerers or exaggerators" although dishonest claims accounted for only a small minority of personal injury cases. "The vast majority of personal injury claims are brought by people who are perfectly genuinely injured and who deserve compensation," he said.

Home Office seeks survey of public outlook on policing

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Correspondent

A REGULAR survey of public satisfaction with police work is being proposed by the Home Office, chief constables and the police inspectorate.

The national survey, to be held every three months, would monitor improvements in the service, special areas such as domestic violence, and make sure that the public gets the policing it wants. The poll could also monitor the way in which police handle victims and complainants of racial attacks, rape and street crime. Indicators of behaviour could then be set up showing if the police were responding to public demand and results of the survey would be published. Supporters of the plan believe that it would provide an alternative to crime figures as a measure of police performance. The supporters say that crime figures do not measure the full range of police work, are often negative and do not reflect everything the public wants the police to do.

The survey, which would be the first of its kind in the public service sector, is part of a blueprint for improvements in policing standards and meeting public expectations. The issue will be debated this week by David Waddington, the home secretary, chief constables and representatives of junior ranks at a national seminar. The home secretary is understood to support the initiatives.

The blueprint includes a code of conduct for officers and guidelines on how commanders can improve behaviour. It is set out in a report from a working party which spent six months studying the service. The recommendations include a call for forces to carry out consumer surveys. They should also publish an analysis of complaints and letters of appreciation.

The working party's report and the seminar, which will be attended by representatives of the Police Complaints Authority and the Commission for Racial Equality as well as police, were inspired by research for an operational policing review The review, published earlier this year, showed that there was a big gap between what the police thought the public wanted and what the public really wanted.

Senior officers believe that in recent years the police have begun to forget the strictures of the Scarman enquiry into the riots in Brixton in 1981. The enquiry called for greater community involvement. They have also failed to use police liaison committees.

The report by the working party, which was led by Michael Hirst, chief constable of Leicestershire, said that if the police did not respond to public needs, the public would withdraw even more from supporting the police.

DeLorean settles with receivers

JOHN DeLorean, the maverick car maker who persuaded the government to put $100 million ($51 million) into his Belfast plant, has settled with British receivers after an eight-year battle and says that he plans to return to the motor business, perhaps in Germany.

Under an agreement reached in Detroit last week, a company owned by Mr DeLorean will pay $7 million to the receivers, on top of $9.4 million that has already gone to creditors. The company, Logan, which makes snow-grooming equipment for ski resorts, was bought partly with proceeds of funds given by the British government to Mr DeLorean to finance his Belfast factory in the late seventies and early eighties. Certain sums allegedly never reached the plant, and the plan to build an inexpensive dream sports car crumbled in scandal.

In 1982, Mr DeLorean was charged after a drugs enquiry, but, despite videotape of him taking delivery of a suitcase in a Los Angeles hotel, he was acquitted of any offence. The jury accepted that he had been entrapped by over-zealous undercover police. He was also later acquitted of fraud.

British investigators traced funds for the factory to the personal accounts of Mr DeLorean and the late Colin Chapman, head of Lotus.

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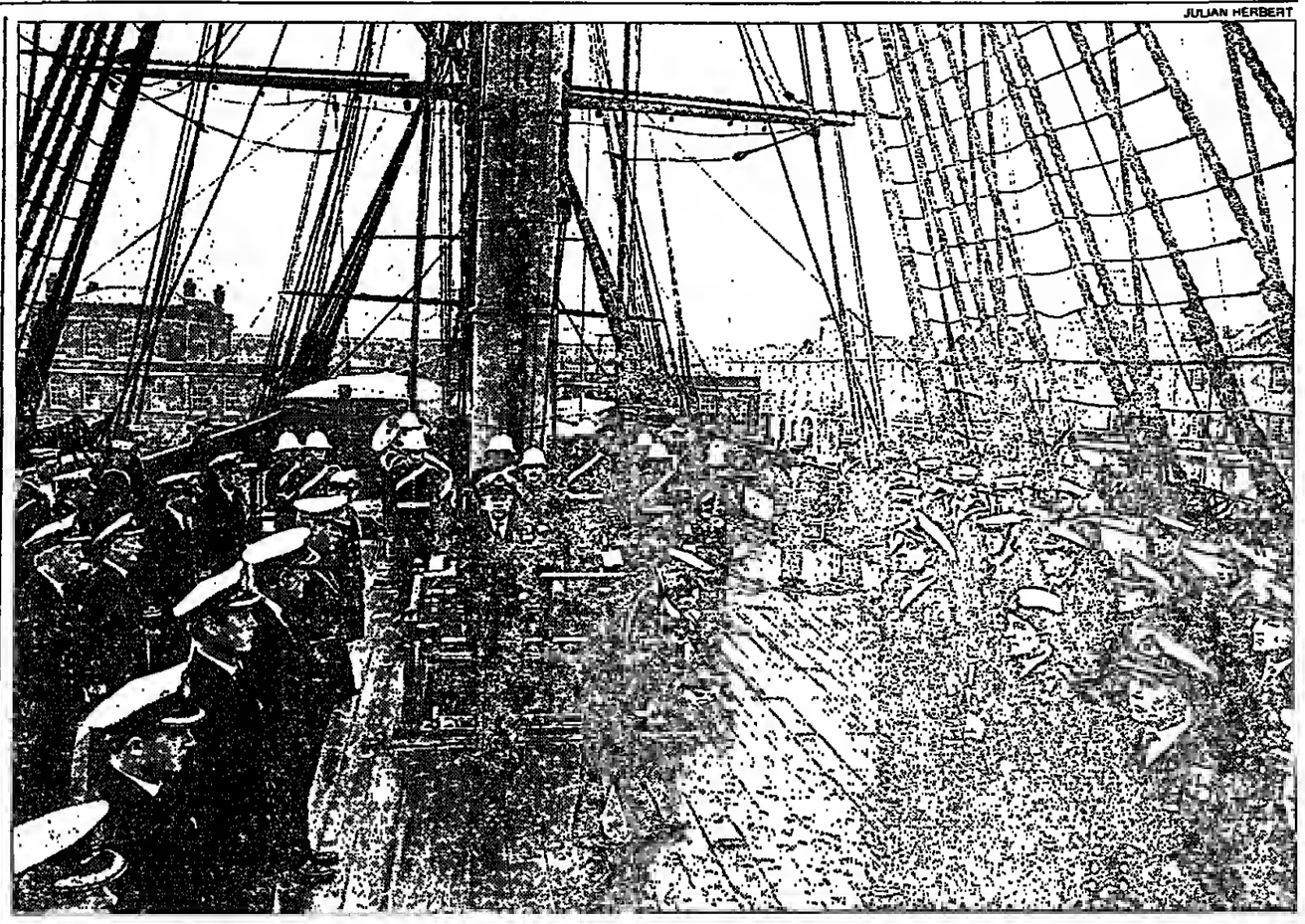

Naval captains and commanders watching Admiral Sir Jeremy Black laying a wreath on HMS Victory yesterday to commemorate Trafalgar Day. The Commander-in-Chief Naval Home Command placed the tribute where it is thought Nelson fell 185 years ago in the Battle of Trafalgar

Shell faces action over new spill

The National Rivers Authority yesterday confirmed that Shell, the oil company fined £1 million in February for polluting the Mersey estuary, is facing prosecution again after another spill (Ronald Faux writes).

The court action follows the discharge of 500 gallons of light fuel into the river after a pipe burst at the Stanlow refinery in Cheshire Further prosecutions over two other spills, one in July and another last week, are being considered by the rivers authority

In the recent incident, Shell is accused of discharging 200 gallons of waste liquid into the Manchester ship canal The rivers authority said yesterday that it had decided on a prosecution after examining the company's version of events surrounding the incident in September and consultations with its own inspectors.

Shell said it was too early to comment at this stage.

Horse box fall

A boy aged two was in a serious condition in hospital in Birmingham last night after fracturing his skull when he fell out of a moving horse box on the M6 Andrew Rothwell, of Congleton, Cheshire, was travelling with his mother when he crawled into the back of the van and opened a safety latch on the rear door. He fell out on to the hard shoulder of the motorway.

Film awards

Kenneth Branagh's epic version of *Henry V* won two awards from the British Film Institute at the National Film Theatre last night It took the honours for the best film and for technical achievement Roger Bolton a television producer won the book award for his story of the documentary *Death on the Rock*

Bond winners

Winners in the National Savings Premium Bonds weekly draw are: £100,000, bond 4GZ 027329 winner lives in Doncaster £50,000, 12BK 462159 (Liverpool); £25,000 13ZS 776760 (Peterborough)

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Capping fear may threaten education spending

By Douglas Broom, Local Government Correspondent

PROPOSALS to boost government spending on education by up to £700 million next year could be jeopardised unless changes are made to local authority cash limits, Chris Patten, the environment secretary, has been told.

With two weeks before the announcement of next year's spending targets for councils, Mr Patten is under intense pressure from ministers and local authorities who are threatening fresh legal action against the government over curbs on their ability to spend.

In a confidential letter to leaders of Labour-controlled education authorities, Stephen Byers, the chairman of the Association of Metropolitan Authorities' education committee, calls on councils to take the government to the High Court if spending limits and charge capping lead to more education cuts.

John MacGregor, the education secretary, has urged the prime minister to support changes to the formulas used to calculate standard spending assessments for local authorities. Education ministers fear that unless controls are loosened next year, education authorities will be unable to make the improvements that Mr MacGregor wants.

Although he has already won an extra £700 million from the Treasury, the impact of this money will be blunted if local authorities are unable to match it with their own funds. Cash limits imposed by the environment secretary would mean that any new spending by councils on schools and colleges would put them at risk of being capped — for implementing a policy that the government hopes will win it votes.

The prime minister's decision to take up Labour's challenge by making education a central issue in the coming election campaign has focused attention on the difficulties faced by Mr MacGregor in trying to improve school buildings and to raise standards in spite of tight limits on council spending.

Ministers also face the threat of legal action by councils. Mr Byers says that spending curbs may force councils to make cuts that threaten their ability to meet statutory duties to provide adequate education for all children. Rather than allow parents to take Labour authorities to court, Mr Byers urges the authorities to seek judicial review of their own failure to meet statutory standards.

He writes: "If you feel that the financial position in your authority gives cause for concern, then I urge you to take the political initiative in this matter. It may well be possible for an individual education authority to seek a declaration from the High Court as to whether or not it is discharging its statutory duties. Such an action would ensure that it is the government and its financial policies which are put into the dock."

Mr Patten's worries will be increased by figures produced yesterday by the Labour-controlled Local Government Information Unit suggesting that £1 billion of business rates remain unpaid. The survey of 32 local authorities found that 25 per cent of the business rate income due by August 30 had not been paid. In some cases payments were only half that expected.

Although the London Borough of Waltham Forest had collected 104 per cent of its expected business rate income, Sandwell, in the West Midlands, had received just 56 per cent and Southwark, south London, 58 per cent. David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "These figures provide further evidence that next year's poll tax bills will be higher than the government says."

He blamed the government for producing only last-minute guidance and publicity for councils and said that inaccurate valuation lists from the Inland Revenue had added to problems.

The environment department said: "The main reason for the slow collection is that local authorities have not put sufficient resources into collective software and many have been slow to send out reminders and summonses. We have clear indications that since this survey was taken the situation has improved."

Reform of A-levels criticised by heads

By David Tytler
Education Editor

THE headmasters of leading independent schools are to reject proposals for A-level reform saying that a move to course-work and a weakening of academic disciplines would undermine the examination and reduce standards.

In evidence being sent to the government's examination advisers, the Headmasters' Conference has said that the proposed reforms would also fail in increasing the number of 16-18 year-olds staying on in full-time education. The heads say that a separate examination bridging the gap between GCSE and A-levels should be introduced for the 80 per cent of students unable to cope with A- or AS-levels.

Reforms suggested by the Schools' Examination and Assessment Council to improve the sixth form staying-on rate of 25 per cent would bring A-levels more into line with the GCSE, allowing course-work to make up 20 per cent of final marks, possibly rising to 80 per cent.

Vivian Anthony, secretary of the conference, said that this could mean a fall in standards. "The proposals for substantial use of coursework, moderation and records of achievement may have some benefits but will reduce the objectivity and integrity of the assessment and add substantially to the cost."

☐ Kenneth Baker, Conservative party chairman, has asked all 295 independent schools operating the assisted places scheme to provide lists of parents being helped under the programme. Many heads are refusing, saying it would break the confidentiality between school and parents.

☐ Education vouchers are to be introduced by Wandsworth council, southwest London, for 1,000 three to five-year-olds from September. Each voucher will be worth about £750 a year for use in the council's 60 primary schools.

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£33m debt forecast for London university

By John O'Leary, Higher Education Correspondent

PROPERTY deals, cuts in staffing and other economies have wiped more than £17 million off the deficit projected for London university in four years' time. The university is expected, however, to be £33 million in debt by the middle of the decade unless further action is taken.

The forecasts have been presented to the Universities Funding Council to demonstrate that London colleges are taking action to curb deficits previously estimated at £46 million by 1993-4. The university tops the council's "worry list" and was of most concern to the public accounts committee in its recent enquiry into university finance.

Three colleges, Queen Mary and Westfield (QMW), Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, and University College, have been pinpointed by the funding council because of their steadily worsening financial forecasts. Five others — King's, Goldsmiths' and Wye colleges, the School of Pharmacy and the Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine — are also causing the council concern.

Professor Stuart Sutherland, vice-chancellor of London university, has told the council that the three targeted colleges have made extra staff cuts in the past year. Royal Holloway is expected to wipe out much of its remaining deficit by selling land and part of its valuable collection of paintings, while QMW will raise millions of pounds from the sale of the Westfield site in Hampstead. Economies designed to save £1 million before the sale can proceed are due to be agreed in December.

Other property deals are expected to transform the position of King's and Wye colleges. The university court agreed on Wednesday to appoint a consultant to plan the most efficient use of its own city centre buildings for academic purposes and to raise more money.

The sale of capital assets will not extricate London from its financial problems, but administrators believe that further re-organisation could enable them to tackle the worst of the problems. "If you are told you must act as a major company but you may not use the biggest asset you have got, you are acting as with a ball and chain around your foot," Professor Sutherland said.

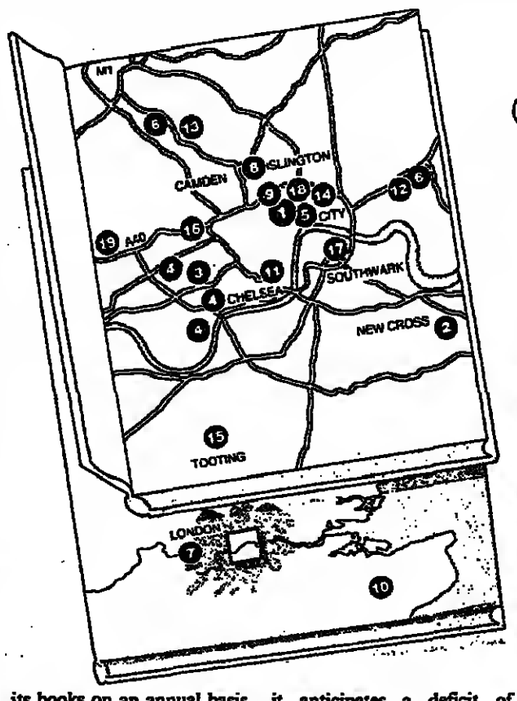
The fate of the university's request for a higher grant to compensate for the extra costs of operating in the capital is a more important element of its financial strategy. The government's autumn statement on public spending should show whether ministers have accepted London's claim for an extra £13.6 million to maintain the same level of staffing and services as other universities.

Full compensation, which remains unlikely, would enable the university to balance its books on an annual basis, although it would not wipe out the debt burden that has built up.

Part of the explanation behind the university's increasing financial difficulties lies in the cost of mergers or closures of uneconomic colleges that have taken place. The university expects to show a surplus of more than £3 million on its current account this year, but it anticipates a deficit of almost £10 million overall.

"Some of our problems are the result of London's success in restructuring," Professor Sutherland said. "What people said was impossible nationally has happened here .... we closed by merger. But merger consequences last longer than most people realise, and they take a lot of staff time, as well as having an effect on admissions." Other contributory factors are falling levels of government grant and underfunding of pay settlements.

London's problems are more obvious because of the size of the university. "If you are dealing with one-fifth of all the students in universities, you are bound to find that what is apparent elsewhere is writ large in London," he said.



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Institute of Education	+712	+443
School of Oriental and African Studies	+2,114	+2,085
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	+447	+544
Senate Inst. & Central University	+258	+177
2 Goldsmiths' College	-352	-181
3 Imperial College	+751	-3,362
4 King's College London	-3,988	-6,720
5 The London School of Economics and Political Science	+414	-802
6 Queen Mary & Westfield College	-2,673	-8,401
7 Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, Egham	-474	-3,592
8 Royal Veterinary College	+261	+63
9 School of Pharmacy	+30	-356
10 Wye College, Ashford	-469	+315
11 Charing Cross and Westminster Medical School	+73	-369
12 The London Hospital Medical College	+253	-270
13 Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine	-366	-218
14 The Medical College of St Bartholomew's Hospital	-236	+14
15 St Georges Hospital Medical School	+16	+228
16 St Mary's Hospital Medical School	+28	-68
17 United Medical and Dental School	+790	+452
18 British Postgraduate Medical Federation	-155	-2,164
19 Royal Postgraduate Medical School	-77	+302


Sutherland: colleges cut staff

MP longs for a drop of real ale

By Robin Young

THERE are at least 5,000 places where real ales can be enjoyed but the Commons is not one of them, according to the Campaign for Real Ale's *Good Beer Guide 1991*.

In an article in the book Joe Ashton, Labour MP for Bassetlaw, reports on the lack of success for his two-year campaign to get "decent" beer in the House. He complains that the Commons' catering services committee has always been dominated by wine drinkers. In the 1960s, he writes, real ale was removed from the House when MPs from the north-east were allowed to bring in kegs of Federation bitter to supply the bar where MPs and the press can mingle. The cellar which formerly housed barrels of real ale was then appropriated to store wines.

Real ale has few friends in the present House, though Mr Ashton mentions the Conservatives Greg Knight and Nicholas Winterton as being among them. Westminster staff have real ale in their bar but MPs do not like to interrupt them and the staff's real ale is not well kept, he says, so he drinks Pilsner Urquell instead.

Jeff Evans, editor of the guide, said many communities may soon be as deprived as the Commons. Business rates, rent reviews and high interest are forcing small landlords out of business and breweries are closing public houses to cut costs.

"Across the land, country gems, town centre locals and roadside inns are being raped and pillaged," he writes in his introduction. Camra has compiled a list of some 150 pubs closed, sold for development, converted into private housing or turned into theme restaurants or amusement arcades in recent months. The guide welcomes the law requiring tied pubs to accept guest beers which it says has resulted in a flurry of activity among brewers. The book offers tasting notes on 200 real ales, about half of them new.

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Law Lord calls for no-fault medical compensation plan

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

THE government is facing renewed pressure to compensate victims of medical accidents without the need for them to prove fault in the courts.

At the weekend, Lord Griffiths, a Lord of Appeal in the House of Lords, called for a no-fault compensation scheme for victims of medical mishaps. He told solicitors at the Law Society's conference in Glasgow that different kinds of no-fault schemes were now operating in New Zealand, Sweden and Finland.

He said that no-fault compensation would mean lower levels of compensation. "But I believe that is a price the public would be prepared to pay for the certainty of recovery rather than the lottery of litigation."

Lord Griffiths' call coincides with a move by Harriet Harman, Labour health spokesman, to publish a bill next week for a no-fault compensation scheme, which is expected to attract all-party support.

Both initiatives come as the government is under pressure to reach an out-of-court settlement to compensate 1,200 haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus. Speculation grew over the weekend that ministers had instructed their lawyers to negotiate with lawyers acting for the victims of the contaminated blood products to end what is certain to be a lengthy, costly and embarrassing court dispute.

Lord Griffiths said he was concerned about the harm escalating claims for medical negligence might do to the practice of medicine. It could push the profession "into defensive medicine techniques" and damage the patient-doctor relationship. There was also the "appalling trauma inflicted on the doctor and patient when they were required to go through the litigation process".

☐ Children of divorced parents are likely to receive higher maintenance payments under government plans to reform the way such awards are calculated, the Law Society said at the weekend.

The proposals, which will be published in a white paper later this month, could, however, undermine any attempt by couples at a "clean break", the society said. This was because in low and middle income families, the parent faced with the higher costs might be less willing to forego entirely a share in the matrimonial home. Some families might also lose other benefits as maintenance increased.

The government intends to introduce a formula for calculating maintenance payments. The awards will be made by a child support agency which would carry out tasks such as identifying and tracing absent parents, investigating the income and assistance of both parents, raise an assessment where a parent is unco-operative and take steps to enforce an award if a parent defaulted.

☐ Thousands of tenants face losing their right to claim compensation for damp, infestation and other housing problems. The Law Society says that because of government muddle, the right will be lost under the environmental protection bill unless action is taken by the Lords tomorrow.

Government officials have told the society that they had not foreseen the full consequences of their tidying up exercise in the bill. At present, council tenants can use magistrates' courts to obtain up to £2,000 in compensation for misery caused by condensation, infestation and "cold-bridging dampness". However, if the bill goes through in its present form, the society says awards will be cut to a fraction of their present level.

JULIAN HERBERT

Turning the sod: shire horses toil in competition at the Great All-England Ploughing Match yesterday at Tongham, Surrey.

The aim was for man and beasts, working in harmony, to plough the straightest series of furrows. The skill is in ensuring that the horses plough the first furrow straight and true. After that, a good pair of carthorses will repeat the exercise almost unbidden (Peter Victor writes).

To promote the ancient skill, would-be ploughmen will, from today, be able to take a two-week ploughing course at Holme Lacy College of Agriculture, near Hereford. John Hood, principal of the college, said that the place of the horse in agriculture was growing once again. "They have a place in forest work, pulling up trees, and they are picturesque. They're also a lot less expensive than tractors." A decent working horse would cost around £2,000, he said, compared with up to £25,000 for a new tractor.

Owners have to be enthusiasts, though, Mr Hood said. "You have to work at horses, and they eat seven days a week, whereas you can switch off a tractor at five o'clock on Friday and come back to it when you're ready. Horses regenerate themselves, however, they're cheap to buy and to run and they're non-polluting. In fact, they're very green."

Free farm land for housing, group says

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

FARMERS who take land out of production under the government's "set aside" policy should be encouraged to provide small-scale rural housing, Housing Choice, the free market housing campaign, says today.

A policy paper proposes that farmers could apply for planning permission for new settlements on 25 per cent of the land they propose to take out of production, and the farmer could bank 25 per cent of the proceeds in place of the present subsidy from public funds. The balance would be placed in trust for the care and upkeep of the remaining 75 per cent of the land.

Calling for an amendment to the government/European Commission policy to allow such a scheme, Housing Choice says it would eliminate the need for subsidies from public funds. The proposal would also help to solve the shortage of affordable housing in rural areas.

The policy paper, *Housing Cash Crop*, aims to resolve the dilemma of farmers being offered public subsidies to take land out of production, while planning controls are interpreted and applied more strictly in response to the demand for new rural homes.

Search for way to a fairer deal on legal aid

A team reviewing the troubled legal aid scheme has many questions to answer, Frances Gibb reports

TOP-LEVEL officials have embarked on a radical rethink of how the legal aid scheme should provide access to justice for those who cannot afford to go to law.

The three-year review, the most fundamental since the scheme was set up 40 years ago, comes amid concern over the scheme's rising costs and the falling numbers of people eligible.

In five years, the scheme's cost has doubled to £715 million gross (some £600 million net), a rate of increase exceeding the rise in public spending on health and social security. The aid scheme has always been demand-led, with no spending limit. The Treasury, however, takes the view that such a rate of increase cannot continue, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has said that legal aid is not an "unconditional blank cheque from the taxpayer". Yesterday, Tony Holland, the Law Society president, accused the government of seeking to control its costs by "capping" lawyers' legal aid fees.

The review, however, is not just cost-driven. It was set up last November by Lord Mackay amid evidence that many households had dropped out of the scheme's scope because the financial qualifying limits had not been increased in line with rising incomes.

Michael Murphy, a researcher at the London School of Economics, last year suggested that since 1979 up to 14.8 million people had become ineligible for civil legal aid, denying many access to the courts because they cannot afford lawyers' fees. The review is, in part at least, a response to representations about the situation from the Law Society and the Bar.

Possible remedies include a range of eligibility tests for different kinds of cases, rather than a single means test. Everyone (subject to paying contributions) might receive aid for personal injury claims. This would bring in many litigants caught in the "middle-income trap". Another option could be to reduce aid in divorce cases unless couples have gone through all conciliation procedures and still have unresolved disputes.

Yesterday, Peter Cresswell, QC, the Bar chairman, said the need to improve access to justice "is one of the great issues of our time".

Yet, as Roger Smith, the Legal Action Group director, said yesterday, the government must decide how many people legal aid should help; hence consideration of funding by bank loans and legal expenses insurance. Above all, pressure is on the lawyers to play their part in taming costs.

Cresswell: public access to justice is a leading issue

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Murder of Chamoun sends a warning to Lebanon Christians

By Michael Theodoulou in Damascus and Andrew McEwen in London

THE assassination of Dany Chamoun has underlined the unfinished business waiting to be settled after the defeat of General Michel Aoun and his forces a week ago. The murder of a prominent and strong supporter of General Aoun may have been more than a settling of old scores: it seems aimed at discouraging any Maronite hopes of a revival.

President Hrawi, who condemned the assassination, had last week said that Lebanon had moved from war to peace. The observation may have been premature, but peace in Lebanon under a continuing strong Syrian presence appears likely.

Damascus last week offered to help the Lebanese government disband Lebanon's warring militias as a step towards implementing the Taif peace plan agreed to last year. Mr Hrawi held talks with President Assad of Syria yesterday and was promised full support.

Another Syrian priority will be to help bring about the release of Western hostages held by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah (Party of God) in Beirut. The hostages are reported to have been moved from southern Beirut to the Bekaa Valley, which could be in preparation for their release.

Four or five British diplomats are due to arrive in Tehran by Saturday after the agreement last month to restore Anglo-Iranian relations. It is not yet clear whether the re-opening of the embassy and the hostages' freedom prospects are linked.

Hossein Moussavian, a senior Iranian diplomat, was quoted yesterday as saying that that they could be freed in "the near future" or in "two or three months". Mr Moussavian has in the past played an important role in Anglo-Iranian relations.

Although Farouk al-Shara, the Syrian foreign minister, said last week that freedom for the hostages was complicated by the lack of Anglo-Syrian relations, Damascus probably wants them freed as soon as possible. Better links with the West offer the best hope of strengthening Syria's economy, as its role in the Gulf conflict has shown. By dispatching about 3,000 of his 400,000 troops to join the multinational forces facing Iraq, President Assad has bolstered Syria's fortunes. Saudi Arabia is said to have given Damascus $1 billion (£500,000).

While 80 per cent of Syrians sympathise with Iraq, if not President Saddam Hussein, President Assad was sufficiently confident of his authority to know he would not risk an internal backlash by dispatching troops to join a multinational force against Iraq.

His leadership, backed by a ruthless security apparatus, contrasts with that of the Middle East's other long-standing survivors, King Husain of Jordan, and Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian Liberation Organisation chairman, who were both wrong-footed by the events in the Gulf.

By giving what was seen as a diplomatic figleaf to the American forces in Saudi Arabia, President Assad can expect a greater role in any post-conflict Middle East settlement. He can also hope for US pressure on Israel to achieve his long-term goal of winning back the Golan Heights. It is believed that Washington tacitly agreed to the ousting of General Aoun, removing the main challenge to Syria's hegemony over Lebanon.

However, the Syrian presence in the Gulf is to remain largely symbolic, despite pledges to the US last month that it would eventually be increased to 15,000 troops. The Syrians argue that they cannot move troops overland because Jordan is sympathetic to Iraq, and Soviet promises to ship the men in have not been fulfilled. By the time all the Syrian troops arrive, President Assad expects any war to be over, and he will be saved from sending his forces into battle against a brother Arab state.

"It's a very shrewd move," said one Western official. "But the Americans seem satisfied." For his minimum input, President Assad can also expect more economic aid from the West.

Last month, in what was seen as a rare goodwill gesture, Britain lifted its veto at the European Community to allow Syria $192 million worth of project aid. It was, as Syrian officials observed, a pittance compared to the aid from Saudi Arabia, but it is being seen as a taste of things to come. When diplomatic relations between London and Damascus are restored, which is still several months away, Syria will be able to normalise ties comprehensively with the rest of the EC.

Despite long-standing enmity between the Syrian and Iraqi leaders, President Assad has given an impression that Damascus has no hostile intentions against Baghdad. He has mobilised few troops along their joint border, and the Syrian media did not mention that troops were joining the multinational forces until ten days after the first Syrians reached the Gulf.

Only a year ago President Assad was out in the cold. The Soviet Union had tightened his purse strings and his arch-enemy, President Saddam, was resurgent after his victory against Iran. In contrast, Syria was isolated from any Arab grouping, and General Aoun, the maverick Christian general, was still defying his authority in Lebanon.

Today Damascus is part of a new regional power axis along with Cairo and Riyadh, while President Saddam is bent on a suicidal course. General Aoun is hiding in the French embassy in Beirut. Syria's relations with Tehran are as warm as ever, and pressure is expected to be applied on Israel to negotiate on Middle East peace.

President Assad's enhanced status is reflected in an observation by diplomats based in Damascus, where his portrait appears on posters. The picture has been altered, they say, so that his benign but firm features now show a trace of a smile.

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Dawn victims: the family of Dany Chamoun, his German-born wife Ingrid, and sons Tarek, aged 7, right, and Julian, aged 5, who were killed with the Maronite leader at their home yesterday

Assassins add to their grim tally

From Reuter in Beirut

THE killing of Dany Chamoun, the Christian leader, and his family yesterday was the latest in a long line of assassinations in Lebanon's 15-year-old civil war.

The following are the most prominent Lebanese who have been killed since its start in 1975:

March 16, 1977: Kamal Jumhlatt, aged 60, Druze leader, killed in an ambush near his home in the Shouf mountains southeast of Beirut. A socialist who dreamed of a secular democratic Lebanon, Jumhlatt founded and led the Druze Progressive Socialist Party militia and the Lebanese Nationalist movement, a coalition of left-wing parties. Angry Druze villagers avenged his death by killing more than 140 Christians. Jumhlatt was seen as campaigning against Syria's military intervention in Lebanon which began in 1976.

June 13, 1978: Tony Franjieh, aged 36, deputy and former telecommunications minister, murdered with his wife, daughter and more than 30 followers by Christian militiamen who attacked his summer home in the northern village of Ehden. Franjieh, a Christian Maronite, was the son of former president Suleiman Franjieh who asked Syria to send troops to Lebanon and blamed Lebanese Forces militia leader Bashir Gemayel for the killing.

September 14, 1982: Bashir Gemayel, aged 34, president-elect, and 20 followers killed by a bomb in Christian east Beirut nine days before his inauguration. Christian militiamen killed hundreds of Palestinians in the Sabra and Chatila refugee camps two nights later.

June 1, 1987: Rashid Karami, 65, prime minister, died after a bomb exploded aboard a Lebanese army helicopter. A Sunni Muslim moderate and head of Lebanon's "last chance" government since 1984, Karami had submitted his resignation in May 1987 but President Amin Gemayel refused to accept it.

May 16, 1989: Sheikh Hassan Khaled, ages 68, head of Lebanon's Sunni community, killed by a car bomb as his motorcade passed through Muslim west Beirut. The blast killed 22 people and wounded 80.

November 22, 1989: Rene Muawad, 64, newly-chosen president, killed with 16 others on Lebanon's independence day when a bomb ripped through his motorcade in west Beirut. Syrian-backed Muawad was chosen on November 5 as Lebanon's first president in more than a year. His election was the result of an Arab peace pact to end Lebanon's civil war. Syria pointed a finger at Michel Aoun, the army chief, who dismissed Muawad as a Syrian puppet. Aoun denounced the killing as an "ugly crime."

October 21, 1990: Dany Chamoun, aged 56, prominent Christian leader, his wife and two sons, shot dead at home in the east Beirut suburb of Baabda by three hooded gunmen wearing Lebanese army fatigues.

Death of patrician who was 'too nice' for Beirut politics

By Michael Knipe, Diplomatic Correspondent

WE MET and talked at a simple barbecued lunch at an open-air restaurant in the spectacular forested mountains of the Chabrouh valley, 8,000 ft above the Lebanese coast.

Dany Chamoun had arrived on foot having walked for six hours, 15 miles across the mountains from his home in the ski resort of Faqra. For him it was a regular hike. He was accompanied by a retinue — friends, political associates and bodyguards — and by a second squad of hikers, a dozen children aged under ten, in battledress, who proceeded to play noisy war-games around the tables.

Two of the children were Chamoun's sons, Julian and Tarek, gunned down with their father in yesterday's morning bloodbath.

With the Christian enclave surrounded and besieged by Syria and an assortment of Muslim militias, Dany Chamoun was hoping, at the time of our meeting, to arouse Western support for the war being waged by Michel Aoun, the *de facto* Lebanese leader, against Syrian domination. Our conversation was punctuated by distant shell-fire, as Chamoun complained that the West seemed untroubled by the Syrian occupation. In addition to infringing Lebanese sovereignty and shelling civilian communities, he said, the Syrians were firing on ships bound for Lebanon, in international waters. Why did the West do nothing?

Dany Chamoun was a patrician figure with an easy charm and fair skin and hair, possibly inherited from his half-Scottish grandmother. Some said he was too nice for the viciousness of Lebanese politics; others that he was simply too weak.

As a scion of one of Lebanon's leading families he spoke Arabic, French and English, educated at Loughborough College and could have been as at home in Belgravia or Biarritz as in Beirut. He was initially a bit of playboy and married his first wife, an English model, after being cited in her divorce from the son of Victor Silvester, the dance band leader.

By the time we met, a year ago, however, his playboy past was behind him. He had returned to Lebanon and become the leader of the Tigers, the Maronite Christian militia of Camille Chamoun, his father and a former Lebanese president. In 1976, in alliance with Bashir Gemayel, the son of another former president, Chamoun's Tigers had attacked and defeated Palestinian forces at the Tel el-Zaatar refugee camp, a notorious battle in which an estimated 2,200 Palestinian men, women and children died.

At the time of our meeting he commanded no militia but was the leader of the National Liberal Party which, he pointed out with some intensity, was the strongest single party in the Lebanese parliament before it fell into disuse in 1988 and power slipped into the hands of the military.

Chamoun had been a candidate for the presidency — and in view of his party's position a likely victor — but the elections did not take place, resulting in the outgoing president, Amin Gemayel, handing authority on an interim basis to General Aoun, his chief of staff.

After lunch Chamoun took me for a tour of the forward positions of the Christian forces, pointing out Syrian positions on the neighbouring mountain ridge and the village of Beskinta. That village, he said, was renowned for the succulence of its cherries and every year he arranged for two crates of the fruit to be sent to the Queen at Buckingham Palace. It was a tradition started by his father when he was president.

Despite the viciousness of the Lebanese conflict Chamoun remained optimistic that peace would one day be regained. Over tea and cakes, he described his involvement in developing a £3.5 million ski resort and talked optimistically of how tourism would boom again if only peace could be achieved.

He admitted that he sometimes got downhearted. But, left alone and protected by the international community from outside aggression, Lebanon could achieve political reform and reunion.

"But we are a country occupied by a foreign force and that has to end first. Until there is peace in Lebanon there is no way terrorism can be eradicated and no way the major issue of the Middle East — the Arab-Israeli issue — can be resolved."

Jerusalem security alert after stabbings

From A Correspondent in Jerusalem

A PALESTINIAN man armed with a knife stabbed three Israelis to death yesterday on a quiet residential street in Jerusalem.

The attacker was identified by police as an Islamic fundamentalist aged 19 from the Bethlehem area. Police speculated that the man may have been trying to avenge the Temple Mount incident, less than two weeks ago, in which more than 20 Palestinians died after police opened fire.

Aryeh Bibi, the Jerusalem police commander, told a news conference that police reinforcements had been called in to the city to guard against further attacks or reprisals against Arabs. Despite the increased security, there were scattered reports of Arab cars being stoned. There were no immediate reports of injuries.

News agencies received telephone calls from several groups claiming responsibility for the attack. They included a previously unheard-of group calling itself the Islamic Jihad-al-Aqsa Brigades, which apparently takes its name from a mosque on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

Police declined to say if the attacker belonged to any organisation. Two groups are known to be active in the Bethlehem area, Islamic Jihad and Hamas. Both have gained support during the 34-month Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Yesterday's incident occurred at 7am in the suburb of Baka in southern Jerusalem. The attacker, carrying a knife with a 16-inch blade, first cornered a woman soldier aged 18 and fatally stabbed her in the stomach. He then pursued a shopkeeper aged 43 who was carrying plants to his nursery and stabbed him in the chest.

An off-duty policeman who heard the commotion rushed from his house and, after firing warning shots in the air, shot the Palestinian in both legs. But the Palestinian stabbed the policeman, aged 28, to death before he was wrestled to the ground by others.

David Ben Shimon, who witnessed the incident, told Israel radio that he and other neighbours pursued the Palestinian and held him for police. "He shouted 'Allahu Akbar' (God is Greatest) until we grabbed him from behind, took his knife and got control of him," Mr Shimon said.

Mahdi Abdul Hadi, the director of a Palestinian analytical group in Jerusalem, said that Israel's refusal to negotiate with the Palestinians had created a climate that spawned such violence. "There is fear that a Belfast-style situation will become the norm in Jerusalem if there is no movement toward peace," he added.

Baka was an Arab district until Israel gained control of the western sector of Jerusalem in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. It is now populated by Jews, with a scattering of Arab families who did not join the 1948 Palestinian exodus from Israel.

The Temple Mount riots two weeks ago reignited the flagging Palestinian uprising in the territories Israel captured in the 1967 Middle East war. During the 34-month uprising, 761 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli soldiers or civilians, and 282 by fellow Arabs, most on suspicion of collaborating with Israel.

Anti-war protesters march again in US cities

From Charles Bremner in New York

IN A scene reminiscent of the anti-war protests of the Vietnam era, 10,000 demonstrators marched through New York on Saturday, demanding a US withdrawal from the Gulf. Thousands more protested in Atlanta, Boston, Washington, San Francisco and other cities.

"Hell No, We Won't Go, We Won't Fight for Texaco," the demonstrators chanted in New York, where they walked the old Vietnam war route from Columbus Circle to Times Square led by seven reserve soldiers who had either deserted or become conscientious objectors.

The Saturday marches, attended by left-wing groups, Vietnam veterans, churchmen, students and soldiers' families, were the strongest sign so far of doubts among the American public over President Bush's military confrontation with Iraq.

Other evidence came from a poll by *Newsweek* magazine, published yesterday, which found that 69 per cent of Americans believed that Mr Bush was not making enough effort to find a diplomatic solution; while 73 per cent thought that Mr Bush should wait longer for sanctions to work before considering military action to remove Iraq from Kuwait. But 43 per cent said that even if Iraq pulled out, Mr Bush should order military action to eliminate Iraq's military power or remove President Saddam. Misgivings over the prospect of war have increased in recent weeks with the waning of the feeling of national emergency aroused by Mr Bush's initial call to arms in August. The débâcle over the domestic budget has sharpened a perception among many that America has no business sending a quarter of a million troops to fight in Arabia at a time of economic crisis at home, according to polls.

In New York, about twenty speakers harangued the protesters with themes familiar from the Vietnam days. "We're here because we have an imperial presidency, as unrestrained as any military dictatorship that ever lived," said Ramsay Clark, who was attorney general for President Johnson at the time of America's initial build-up in Vietnam.

"It's like it's the Sixties all over again," said Leonard Johnson, a veteran of the last big protests. "Only then, the villains in the government were bigger and we still beat them. Now we're up against the Bush League." A common theme among speakers and on protest banners was the argument that the United States should have no part in defending feudal Arab states. Some speakers broke into a chant that proved popular in the march into Times Square where the protesters gathered in front of the armed forces recruiting station: "George Bush, read our lips, we're not boarding any Pentagon ships."

Jimmy Breslin, the New York commentator, stood in Columbus circle looking at the crowd and mused: "The numbers are so large this suggests that Washington probably can't consider waging war without any great opposition at home."

● **TOKYO:** More than 23,000 Japanese rallied and marched at 17 points in Tokyo yesterday, protesting against a government plan to send soldiers to the Gulf.

More than 11,000 people gathered at a Tokyo park, while almost 12,000 others joined hands in a human chain that nearly surrounded a US air base in the suburbs, according to a police official who asked not to be named. *(AP)*

Sound proposition: a 78-year-old protester outside the White House during a Washington rally against Gulf intervention

Church leaders call for 'just solution'

By Ruth Gledhill and Our Foreign Staff

THE Archbishops of Canterbury and York yesterday called for prayers to find a "just solution" to the confrontation in the Gulf "without recourse to the horrors of war". They expressed their support for the action of the United Nations.

The appeal came as warships in the Gulf went into an advanced state of readiness after an American destroyer fired warning shots across the bows of an Iraqi tanker, al-Bahar al-Arabi, when it ignored orders to stop to be searched. US authorities did not immediately disclose the outcome.

Although the defence ministry said that there was no British involvement in the incident, the HMS Gloucester went on the alert in anticipation of an Iraqi military response.

On Saturday Mrs Thatcher told Yevgeni Primakov, an emissary from President Gorbachev, that no political arrangement to help President Saddam Hussein of Iraq withdraw from Kuwait without losing face would be acceptable.

He called to see her at Chequers to report on a meeting with President Saddam. Whitehall sources said he believed some arrangement might be possible, though he did not suggest there should be concessions.

Mrs Thatcher replied that the allies would not pay any price to get Iraqi forces out of Kuwait. He had to go — "and that's that". It was not for the allies to save his face. He had got himself into a jam and would have to get himself out of it by leaving Kuwait.

The House of Bishops of the Church of England, which discussed the Gulf last week, did not issue a statement of its views. However, senior churchmen of all denominations have been consistent in calling for a "just solution". Most have said that a war with Iraq would not meet conditions needed for a just war.

Dr Robert Runcie and Dr John Habgood yesterday issued a prayer to coincide with United Nations Day next Wednesday. The prayer read: "With the end of the Cold War that has blighted the world for so long, the United Nations are at last able to function as their founders intended. They moved with great speed to deal with the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The comprehensive UN sanctions against Iraq provide the world's best hope for a peaceful solution to the Gulf crisis."

The archbishops called on Christians throughout the country to pray for a successful outcome of the UN's endeavours and for all those immediately affected by the conflict. They prayed in particular for the hostages held in Iraq and Kuwait and their families, and for the people of Iraq whose government has brought them into conflict with the world. "Above all, we call for prayers that a just solution may be found without recourse to the horrors of war."

Last week, the primates of the Anglican communion expressed their dismay at the "appalling loss of life" in the Temple Mount killings at Jerusalem on October 8.

According to the Rev Philip Crowe, a theologian in the Church of England, a war against Iraq would not meet the basic conditions of a "just war". Speaking last week on BBC Radio he said that the church had failed to give a spiritual and moral lead in the Gulf conflict. Mr Crowe said: "The Gulf crisis doesn't even meet the basic condition of a just war, which is that it must be fought for a just cause."

The Rt Rev Richard Harries, Bishop of Oxford, later supported Mr Crowe's view that the conditions for a just war were not met.

'Dig deep and keep powder dry' Desert Rats told

From Reuter in El Alamein

VETERANS of the desert battle of El Alamein have advice for US-led forces in the Gulf: dig deep, save water and keep your powder dry.

Widows wept, spurred and booted former foes saluted and cameras clicked as buglers in spiked helmets played *Last Post* in memory of allied and axis troops who fell in the battle of El Alamein that began 48 years ago on tomorrow.

Some of those at the ceremony gave some thought to the arrival in Saudi Arabia on Saturday of the first Challenger tanks of the modern-day "Desert Rats" of Britain's 7th Armoured Brigade.

White-haired veterans, their chests plastered with campaign ribbons, chipped in with advice for the troops massing in the Gulf to confront Iraq. "Be bloody cheerful," boomed Pat Lewis, who won the Military Medal for gallantry at el Alamein. "Save your water ration, and every time a shell comes in, dig your hole a little deeper."

El Alamein was the turning-point of the second world war North Africa campaign — and both terrain and climate are similar to the Arabian desert.

Colonel Michael Martin, shepherding a group of tourists and veterans around the spick-and-span cemeteries, said the lessons of desert warfare in the second world war could apply just as well to the US-led coalition of forces massed in Saudi Arabia. "The key is to get the resources at the right place and time, to get everything in place before starting. That was the key to General (later Field Marshal) Montgomery's success," said Colonel Martin, formerly of the Royal Hampshire Regiment.

In the Western desert, the wrecks of tanks have been replaced by concrete villas as Egypt's tourism industry gallops along the coast toward Libya. Sunday's interdenominational ceremony took place against the background of bulldozers and lorries carving out beach resorts, tourist villages and a four-lane highway.

Each year a brief ceremony is held to commemorate the dead of El Alamein. The three main antagonists — the Germans, Italians and British — take turns to do the organising.

Montgomery, commander of the Eighth Army in the desert, had massed his forces in a strong defensive position to crush the already exhausted axis forces led by Rommel. Montgomery had 700 bombers and fighter aircraft, unmatched by the Luftwaffe, and 1,200 tanks to the 500 of Rommel's Afrika Korps. With an opening barrage of nearly 1,000 guns, the allies broke through and wore down their adversaries, depleting their already thin reserves of fuel, ammunition, vehicles and men.

The campaign had not started that way. Initially, the impetuous Rommel's Panzers routed the poorly equipped and indifferently led Allies. The veterans remembered what it was like to live on the run, like a rat in a hole. "We lived a hard life, digging for survival like desert rats — that's where the nickname came from," said Jim Glibbery, a former stretcher bearer with the Fourth Essex Regiment. "Our tanks were about as good as cocoa tins, and in the beginning we were badly outgunned," he recalled.

'CAN YOU THINK OF A BETTER 2.0 LITRE EXECUTIVE CAR? WE CAN'T.'

(CAN YOU THINK OF A BETTER TESTIMONIAL FROM A MOTORING MAGAZINE? WE CAN'T.)

Why run an advertisement when the motoring press is doing the job for yon?

The £15,870* Alfa Romeo 164 2.0 Twin Spark won a rapturous review in a recent article in 'What Car?' which tested five executive cars, four of whicb fell within the two litre tax bracket.

Tbe cars included the new Peugeot 605 SRi, as well as a Ford Granada 2.0i Ghia, a Rover 820e and a Volvo 740 GLT.

Even in introdncing this line-up, the magazine was unequivocal about the Alfa Romeo. (Since this space has been paid for but the magazine article wasn't, you will probably be more impressed if yon read their words.)

'Fabulous 164 body now comes with Twin Spark engine from the smaller Alfa 75. The Non-Lusso model looks terrific value.

'As the name suggests, there are two spark plugs per cylinder, but tbe engine also has variable inlet valve timing. Tbeoretically, it's a very efficient engine and on paper tbe results are impressive: 148 bhp from a non-turbo charged 2.0 litre four is good going. Against the Peugeot's 122 bbp eight valve engine, the Alfa Romeo 164 is clearly a long way abead on power.

PERFORMANCE AND ECONOMY.

'Overall, the Alfa sparkles above the others bere. The difference is that it has verve and spirit and really revels in being driven bard.

'(The Granada's) engine is noisy and thrashy in the extreme and has absolutely no enthusiasm for hard work.

'Overall the 605 performs pleasantly. Yet there's something missing in its armonry.

'It does feel like a big, heavy car endowed with a small and relatively under-powered engine.

'While the Volvo has pace, it has little else going for it, hence its third placing. The Rover . . . ultimately lacks the Alfa's pure brio and charm.

HANDLING AND RIDE.

'Why does the 605 give best to the Alfa 164? The fluid way (tbe 164) strings bends together, its grip, balance and eager turn-in make it a rewarding machine for the keen driver.

'(The Rover's) steering remains light and rather dead, neither can it cope with bumps encountered in mid-bend.

'The Ford feels a bit sqnashy and roly-poly, nnderdamped even, if asked to cover the ground briskly. Compared with its rivals, the (Volvo) 740 feels a decade out of date. It's reactions are slow and stolid, and the body rolls, squirms and sbudders through the hends and over the humps as though connected only distantly to the wheels.

QUALITY AND EQUIPMENT.

'Qnality, in the sense used here, means more than just build integrity. It also encompasses quality of materials, and how effectively they are used in the aesthetic sense. Judged accordingly, the Alfa Romeo and the Rover vie for first place. Both have deep, lustrous paintwork, expensive-looking and feeling plastics inside, high-quality seat fabrics and decent carpets. Compared with these two, the Peugeot doesn't quite make the grade.

'(The Granada's) rear humper shakes when you shnt the hoot, the strip of fake wood across the facia is a woeful misjudgement and it's all starting to look a touch messy, a shade dated.

'Dated certainly describes the Volvo.

SERVICING AND COSTS.

'In 3.0 litre form, the well-built 164's... secondhand values are strong. There's no reason why this shouldn't be true of the smaller-engined car, and just look at those servicing times – 12,000 miles between tbem.

'Third place goes to the Volvo because it's just too expensive to buy in this company.

VERDICT.

'The 605's problem is the Alfa 164, a car which has already done wonders for Alfa's image.

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In another comparative test, What Car? magazine gave top marks to the Twin Spark's larger engined brother: the £22,635,* 143 mph Alfa Romeo 164 3.0 V6.

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US academics under pressure to rewrite ethnic history

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

IN THE old days, a few dates and names sufficed to sketch the history taught in American schools: pyramids, Greeks, 1066, Richard the Lionheart, Christopher Columbus, Mayflower, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and so on.

But, in late 1990, history teachers venture into a political and racial minefield as rival ethnic and even sexual groups fight for the recognition they say has been denied them. In New York, eight black families have sued the state education authority for failing to teach their children about black achievements. In California, after years of study, the state authority has approved history textbooks that seek to accommodate every culture. They were immediately attacked by black, Asian, Hispanic, Islamic, Jewish, Indian, Chinese, women's, gay and lesbian organisations, all claiming their contributions had been slighted.

Muslims said only Muslims should have written the chapters on Islam; Chinese said their cruel treatment at the hands of whites had been glossed over; Jews complained that nothing was said about persecution by Christians; homosexuals said that famous gays had not been given their due. Above all, black historians denounced the new course as hopelessly biased towards the white, European version. A oumber of schools are seeking to redress this alleged bias with history lessons that state, among other things, that blacks discovered America, invented the telephone, built the pyramids and invented writing.

The criticism in California was surprising since the state had tried to wipe the slate clean and produce a curriculum that drew on every culture and "was no longer exclusively the property of white males", as one of the authors of the new textbooks put it.

Some educators are wondering if they should give up the whole idea of producing a single history for all Americans, one that seeks to weave all the ethnic and religious experiences that forged the country.

Bill Honig, the chief of California's huge public education system, sounded the alarm this month: "The question is, do we keep the society together or do we break up into tribal warfare?" he asked. "If you take this to its logical conclusion you get Lebanon or Northern Ireland."

Diane Ravitch, a professor of history at Columbia University in New York, wrote in the *American Scholar* that the country was in for trouble if it failed to preserve an "agreed-upon vision of liberty and justice ... a society and a culture to which we all belong".

The biggest challenge to such thinking has come from the creation of "Afrocentric" history courses in schools and universities over the past couple of years. Milwaukee this month approved special schools for black children where they will be taught a curriculum that stresses black achievements, based on the thesis of self-esteem, which holds that black children fail at school because they feel left out of a white-dominated culture.

Coming 36 years since the Supreme Court abolished segregation in American schools, the Milwaukee scheme has prompted an outcry. But education officials in New York said they were considering the possibility of a similar experiment in the city as a possible desperate measure to stem the huge drop-out rate among black boys. In New York state, one in every four black men under the age of 30 is either in prison, awaiting trial or on parole or probation.

A study by the state education commission reported recently that history as taught had made blacks "victims of an intellectual and educational oppression". Establishment scholars say they are particularly concerned about teaching in some schools, based on the Afrocentric belief that African peoples achieved a very high level of culture in a distant golden age and that ancient Egypt was an all-black African nation. By absorbing Egypt's achievements, they teach, ancient Greece therefore owed the roots of its culture to Africa.

These historians treat as fact the claim that Africans sailed to the Americas 2,000 years before Columbus. Evidence for this is based on sculptures and other artefacts that could be interpreted as negroid. Afrocentric teachers are also telling children that the telephone was really pioneered by Lewis Howard Latimer, a black man who worked for Bell.

The American Textbook Council, a private organisation which monitors school materials, is upset by such courses. Gilbert Sewall, its director, said: "What is worrisome is not just the way that facts are put together but throughout there is a sense that they are teaching that racism and evil is all around."

On a broader level, the ethnic focus is being denounced by many historians as essentially dishonest. Arthur Schlesinger, the New York historian and one of the most vocal critics, says it amounts to inventing "happy history". "I don't think that history is a form of therapy that should be used to improve self-esteem," he said recently. Asian Americans, he notes, excelled in US schools without any role models in the history books.

The argument over school history classes comes at a time when Americans of all races have been inspired by the power of the highly acclaimed documentary television series on the civil war. Publishers are now struggling to meet the demand for works on the period of the 19th century conflict. The extraordinary interest in the era suggests that the country is not so "tribalised" in its view of history after all.

Democratic groups fail to find unity in Moscow

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MORE than 2,000 delegates from all over the Russian Federation gathered in Moscow at the weekend for the first congress of Democratic Russia, an umbrella group uniting more than two dozen political groups opposed to Communist party rule.

The two-day meeting, which was chaotic and at times angry, eventually adopted a moderate constitution, expressed support for the Russian parliament's decision to proceed alone with a programme of rapid economic reform, and called on President Gorbachev to accept Boris Yeltsin's proposal of a reformist coalition within two weeks.

The meeting straggled on yesterday evening with little direction and sporadic decisions. Attempts to forge alliances foundered repeatedly on the strong and stubborn characters of rival leaders. By the end, Democratic Russia looked no more convincing a political force than it had at the start.

A number of smaller Christian parties fell by the wayside, unhappy with the decision to offer a coalition to the central leadership. Two of the movement's potential leaders, Vladimir Lysenko of the Democratic Platform, the reformist group which left the Communist party in July and Nikolai Travkin, who founded the Russian Democratic party when he left the Communist party and the Democratic Platform last April, were in conflict over the sort of group Democratic Russia should be.

Mr Travkin argued for it to set up a proper administrative structure and become a political party as soon as possible. Mr Lysenko argued that the movement could stay together as an oppositioo group only if it maintained its looser organisation. Both were coocerned that the movement had built its success largely on negative policies — opposition to communist rule — and had few constructive policies to offer.

Large pre-revolutionary Russian flags hung inside the hall, and a photograph of the late Andrei Sakharov, who is now acknowledged as the author of the Soviet democracy movement, was propped up on one side of the platform. Dr Sakharov's widow, Yelena Bonner, made one of the more cogent speeches, appealing for an end to recriminations against former communists and deploring the way her late husband had been made into an icon.

She also berated Mr Gorbachev for arrogating additional presidential powers, but passing responsibility for his economic programme to the republics. She said the republics, including Russia, should either demand the powers to implement their programmes, or insist that Mr Gorbachev take responsibility.

Mrs Bonner was one of few delegates to be greeted with enthusiasm. Another was the former dissident priest, Gleb Yakunin, who said if Ukrainian students could topple the republic's prime minister, then the Russian Democrats could oust Nikolai Ryzhkov. Otherwise, approval was reserved for calls that Russia should abandoo the Soviet Union, recruit its own army and mint its own currency — measures which Mr Yeltsin, as Russian president, has so far opposed.

Many of the democratic movement's luminaries were absent. Mr Yeltsin, who was absent oo medical advice, sent a message of greeting; the mayor of Moscow, Gavriil Popov, sent a rousing appeal giving Mr Gorbachev two weeks to agree to a coalition.

On the first day, proceedings started 30 minutes late because of the crush of people trying to enter the hall; police were called and crash barriers were set up in an attempt to separate legitimate delegates from vociferous anti-communists outside.

War games: two young Russian girls trying their hand with a Kalashnikov rifle during an open day at the Soviet army base at Weimar in what was East Germany. It was the second time Moscow's troops stationed in the country have opened their operation to the public

UK holds back on currency schedule

By MICHAEL BINYON IN BRUSSELS AND ANDREW MCEWEN

MARGARET Thatcher has told Guilio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, that she is not prepared to set a date at the European Community's Rome summit next weekend for the second stage of monetary union.

Signor Andreotti held talks with her at Chequers on Saturday amid increasing pressure from other EC countries for a starting date. But Mrs Thatcher said the question should wait until an inter-governmental conference on economic and monetary union which is due to start in December. She argued that the summit already had a full agenda.

Pressure has been growing for a date following the announcement by Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, last week that he would support January 1994, a compromise date proposed by The Netherlands. Jacques Delors, the president of the European Commission, had hoped for a start in 1993 but was delighted by Herr Kohl's move. He believes there is consensus among all EC countries except Britain.

Mrs Thatcher's attitude was not unexpected, because John Major, the Chancellor, had argued that it would be foolish to set a starting date without deciding what the content of stage two should be. It is expected to lay the basis for a European central bank and a common currency.

Carlo Ciampi, governor of the Bank of Italy, added his weight on Saturday to the 1994 proposal. He called for a rapid end to the debate about a single currency and said the ecu should take on that role.

Today, EC foreign ministers will attempt to salvage an eleventh-hour compromise and the global credibility of the community from the wreckage of the farm subsidy negotiations. These reached deadlock again on Friday for the third time in two weeks. Without any agreement on the key agricultural sector, the community threatens to sabotage almost four years of work in the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt).

Despite the pressing interest of the Twelve in ending the squabble, the chances of the foreign ministers overruling their farm colleagues look slim. The hard line taken by Ignaz Kiechle, the German farm minister, appears to have the support of Herr Kohl, and Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the foreign minister, is unlikely to signal a retreat today.

The Gatt issue will leave the ministers with less time to discuss economic and monetary union, and plans for closer political union among the Twelve.

The ministers will also press Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to endorse proposals for closer defence and foreign policy co-operation within the EC, and to make decision-making in the community more efficient and accountable. Without ruling out any plans for accelerated political union outlined by France and Germany and vigorously endorsed by Italy, Britain insists it is wrong to pre-empt the December conference or narrow down the agenda at this stage.

Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, will today call for more majority voting in the community, the extension of EC competence to defence and foreign policy, and a greater role for the European parliament in decision-making.

Today's meeting is due to discuss the Gulf, transatlantic relations and Eastern Europe's urgent need for aid to meet increased oil prices.

Andreotti: held talks with Mrs Thatcher at Chequers

Italian secret services given ultimatum over Moro letters

From RICHARD BASSETT IN ROME

GIULIO Andreotti yesterday threatened Italy's secret services with sweeping reforms if they did not quickly clarify the mysterious discovery ten days ago of letters written by Aldo Moro, the murdered leading Italian politician and Christian Democrat leader.

The letters, written during Moro's 55 days of captivity in 1978, were discovered by workmen in a flat which had been extensively searched without success by more than 400 security agents from no fewer than six different organisations.

The discovery has embarrassed the security apparatus and caused Signor Andreotti's Christian Democrat Party discomfort. One letter alleges that Signor Andreotti and other politicians failed to negotiate seriously with the Red Brigades which kidnapped Moro. Another claims that the Christian Democrats were financed throughout the 1950s by the American embassy in Rome.

Publication of the letters comes at a time when the political spectrum here is once more on the move. Signor Andreotti's government is ridden with divisions and elections are expected within six months. He made it clear yesterday that he thought the letters could have been planted in the flat well after 1978, awaiting "discovery" at a moment when they could cause the greatest instability.

"I want to find the postman of these letters. If the security services cannot find out what precisely took place, we will send someone else," Signor Andreotti said. He added that all the forces of the state could be brought to bear on the mystery, and that he would not hesitate to streamline and unify Italy's various security organisations.

Earlier this year he drew up plans to restructure the security services, only to shelve them after opposition from senior officers. Unless the services discover who planted the letters and when, Signor Andreotti will resurrect his plan.

The murdered politician's family demanded yesterday to be given copies of all 413 pages of the letters.

Vittorio Feltri, editor of the weekly *Europeo*, was questioned by police at the weekend after the magazine published an interview with a carabinieri officer who infiltrated the Red Brigades after 1978 and claimed that all of Moro's letters had been handed over to Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, the carabinieri general in charge of the initial investigation, who caused disquiet at the time by refusing for five days to hand over papers he had discovered. General Dalla Chiesa was shot by the Mafia in Sicily shortly afterwards.

Germans face speed restriction

From IAN MURRAY IN BONN

PLANS to impose a 60kph (37.5mph) speed limit on Germany's motorways during fog are in an advanced state of preparation by the transport ministry, which has in the past held out for the right of the motorist to travel as fast as he or she wants.

The plans have been drawn up after a series of accidents, including one last week in which ten people died and 87 were injured in fog. The idea is to set up reflectors at 50-yard intervals and to require drivers to obey a 60kph limit if visibility drops below this level. Discussions are under way with state government authorities on introducing the limit early next year, although some road safety experts say 60kph is too fast for safety in fog.

Motorway limits run counter to what has been the West German view that unlimited speed was one of the freedoms which came with democracy. The slogan was "a free drive for a free man".

Because of the strength of the motoring lobby in the country, the idea of limits has always been seen as a political mistake. One transport minister who suggested that they might be a good thing lost his job. Frederich Zimmermann, the present incumbent, has been on record as saying that "speed limits are unnecessary", while the transport ministry has joined forces with the national automobile association, Adac, to produce facts and figures to prove that speed does not necessarily kill.

Aborigines threaten to boycott Mandela visit

From ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

NELSON Mandela faces an embarrassing boycott of his visit to Australia by Aborigines hurt over his unwillingness to discuss the racism and violence confronting Australia's black population.

The deputy president of the African National Congress is due in Canberra today for a four-day visit. He will meet Bob Hawke, the prime minister.

Yesterday Gary Foley, an influential aboriginal leader, accused Mr Mandela and the ANC of hypocrisy. There had been hopes that he would discuss such cooteotious issues as land rights, and the death rate of blacks in custody, which is reported to be higher than in South Africa. "Mandela's decision not to talk about aboriginal issues is a condition of getting money out of the Australian government," Mr Foley told the Sydney *Sun-Herald*.

"It's hypocrisy. They (the ANC) went to great extremes to try to suggest that there was no problem of racism in Australia."

However, the aboriginal community is split on the issue, with one leader saying Mr Mandela would be made welcome.

ABC radio yesterday reported that Mr Hawke would consider lifting sanctions against Pretoria when the elimination of apartheid was shown to be "irreversible".

Florida jury acquits rap music band

New York — A Florida jury has acquitted the rap music band, 2 Live Crew, on charges of performing obscene songs. The verdict was hailed by civil liberties groups as a victory for artistic freedom (Charles Bremner writes).

After the verdict, the Recording Industry Association of America said: "This judgment should serve as notice to others trying to find music obscene that Americans believe very strongly in our First Amendment rights. Whether they find it vulgar or obooxious or lewd still does not mean that it is criminally obscene."

Gadaffi's might

Concern in the West over Colonel Gadaffi's influeoce in Sudan increased yesterday, after Omar Hassan al-Bashir, Khartoum's military leader, said that his country would merge with Libya as sooo as possible. Thousands greeted Colonel Gadaffi wheo he arrived in Khartoum to observe the final sessioo of a confereoce on Sudan's political future.

Village captured

Colombo — Government troops captured a strategic coastal village in the north and killed 20 Tamil rebels. The capture of Mawaddipuram would open a passage to Kankesanthurai, a vital, rebel-cootrolled port one mile away. There was no immediate response from the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam. *(AP)*

Jail riots spread

Athens — Rioting by prisoners pressing for reforms spread to the central Greek jail of Larissa, the fifth prison to revolt this month. More than 100 of the jail's 500 prisoners took to the rooftops, burned mattresses and smashed furniture. Rioting has also takeo place in prisons io Atheos, Crete, Patras and Halkida. *(Reuter)*

Islands dispute

Taipei — Japan's navy stopped a team of Taiwan athletes from planting an Olympic torch on a deserted chain of islands whose sovereignty is disputed between Taiwan, China and Japan. Taiwan's state television said at least two Japanese navy ships prevented the athletes from landing at the Diaoyutai islands, 120 miles oorth of Taiwan. *(Reuter)*

Kabul battles

Kabul — Afghan plaoes and artillery units attacked mujahidin guerrillas laying siege to the southern city of Qalat, the government said. It said its forces had killed more than 80 rebels in fighting around Qalat, capital of Zabol province. *(Reuter)*

NEW YORK NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Culture shock blowing in the wind for Dylan

After a rousing rendition of *Blowin' in the Wind*, Bob Dylan basked in a shrieking, stomping, standing ovation the other night. There was nothing very unusual about that, as the protest is still going strong. What made the show newsworthy was its venue: the West Point military academy.

To the disbelief of his diehard fans, Dylan was invited to America's equivalent of Sandhurst as the star at its concert for the centenary of the birth of General Eisenhower, the late president. The future army commanders and their teachers loved it, singing along with Dylan's Vietnam-era sarcasm. "We try to expose the cadets to a broad range of events," explained William Yost, the arts director.

Dylan is a figure who has had an important impact. But the idea of the singer wailing "like a rolling stone" under the banners of the 101st Airborne Division was too much for the faithful. "Weird", "bizarre", said Lucian Truscott, who dropped out of the military to denounce West Point in his book *Dress Grey*. "The idea that they'd introduce Bob

Dylan into that is amazing." All this could be taken as confirmatioo that the 1960s have been sanitised, and the decade packaged for a re-run in the 1990s, minus the bitterness, drugs and bad hygiene.

This month's European fashion shows have certainly borrowed from the the era, but the times may be a-changin' even faster than Dylan might think, at least in New York. This autumn in Manhattan, the 1960s have been overtaken by the 1970s as the decade of the 90s — as one fashion arbiter has just defined it. The boutiques of Greenwich village are awash in platform soles, black singers are growing those bushy afro hairstyles again, and clubs are renaming themselves discos and holding Saturday Night Fever nights where everyone tries to emulate John Travolta. Even Barney's, the establishment men's shop, has given in to what had been written off as the "ugly decade".

"We're re-evaluating the beauty of certain Seventies clichés such as platforms, wild prints and that tidy, pulled-together look," said Simon Doonan, Barney's creative director.

More than aesthetics seem to be driving the fascination for the 1970s. As the mood in America has darkened with recession and the Middle East confrontation, opinion polls and commentators are diagnosing a return to the malaise that last afflicted the country in the 1970s. A new verb has even been coined — "to carterise" — as in President Jimmy. It means to lose your authority through excessive dithering. Hardly a pundit has resisted applying it to Mr Bush for his performance over the budget.

At least Mr Bush can take solace from not being identified with the 1980s, which have been truly relegated to the rubbish bin of history. "The 1980s were a garbage decade — glitz, fake glamour, false promises," pronounced Faith Popcorn, a New York trend analyst whose clients include politicians and big manufacturing companies. "More than junk bonds, it was junk thinking," she said. Carolyn Heilbrun has just published the first anti-1080s book, called *The Worst Years of Our Lives*.

All this talk of decade-hopping is worrying more serious thinkers. Todd Gitlin, a California university professor famous for his views on the corrupting influence of television believes that the decade mania "is a short-cut to thinking about what is going on in society". Another professor has just equated the trashing of the 1980s "to talking about your ex-husband a day after the divorce".

For those who would prefer not to forget the era of yuppies and Ronald Reagan, the Trivial Pursuits company has just produced an "80s edition" of its board game. Here are some samples: What is the first name of Oliver North's wife? (Betsy). Which of Ronald Reagan's children said he thought their black cook was his mother until the age of 10? (Michael). What Democratic hopeful planted his garden with eggplant, cucumbers and gypsy peppers? (Michael Dukakis — Who?)

Older American men who want to live through to the next decade have been given some striking advice by researchers at the University of California: get married or stay married. The San Francisco team found, in an extensive study, that unmarried men between the ages of 45 and 64 are twice as likely to die within ten years than those who are living with wives. Of greatest surprise was the finding that men who lived with someone other than a spouse, including mistresses, children, parents or others, survived no better than men who lived on their own.

Benazir Bhutto ends election campaign on upsurge of popularity

From Christopher Thomas in Lahore

CAMPAIGNING in Pakistan's fifth general election ends officially at midnight tonight in a mood of uncertainty and anxiety over the possibility of military rule in the crucial months ahead.

Few observers expect the new government to last anything like a full term, regardless of who wins. Benazir Bhutto, who was dismissed as prime minister on August 6 when her popularity was at its lowest ebb in 20 months of power, has staged a comeback and could be within striking distance of returning to office after Wednesday's poll.

Her Pakistan People's Party, together with three small allied parties, could emerge as the single largest block in parliament, but without an overall majority. It would then be up to a large number of rival parties to form a coalition to keep her from power, a task that the army will undoubtedly assist. The odds are against her returning to power, even if the military were to allow it after supporting her dismissal.

Asif Zardari, Miss Bhutto's husband, who is in police custody in Karachi on charges of kidnapping and extortion, stands a good chance of winning at least one of the two constituencies he is contesting in his first foray into politics. He, too, has benefited politically from the acting administration's heavy-handed tactics.

If anti-Bhutto parties do form the next government, both Miss Bhutto and Mr Zardari can expect an intensified legal drive against them on charges of corruption. The objective will be to bar Miss Bhutto from politics, something that could bring severe criticism from the United States and other big aid donors.

The eight-party Islamic Democratic Alliance is striving for a straight win over Miss Bhutto in the 207 Muslim seats being contested. The Sind-based Mohajir Qaumi Movement whose 14 MPs gave their crucial support to Miss Bhutto after the 1988 poll, will this time support her rivals. To win, she will therefore have to do substantially better than last time, when she captured 93 seats on a popularity wave after fighting against 11 years of military rule.

She remains the most charismatic politician in the country, the only one who has consistently attracted huge crowds in a campaign dampened by persistent rumours of a military takeover or postponement of the elections. Many politicians have refused to invest heavily in their campaigns because of fears that the new government, whoever runs it, will soon collapse in political turmoil.

The military favours the creation of a "national" government that would include MPs from the People's Party. The generals believe that, once it is clear that Miss Bhutto is not returning to power, it will be possible to split her party. A government headed by the Islamic Democratic Alliance would then have a better chance of survival. The army is contemptuous of the performance of the caretaker government installed after Miss Bhutto was dismissed, and it has progressively distanced itself from its attempts to destroy Miss Bhutto as a political force.

The government's primary objective was to discredit the former prime minister in special disqualification courts set up under laws promulgated during the Zia dictatorship. Instead, the tactic created a wave of sympathy due to widespread disgust at the blatantly partisan tactics of a supposedly neutral acting government, whose cabinet comprised Miss Bhutto's most committed political foes.

Several leading politicians of both main camps are fighting close-run battles in their own constituencies, and the post-election scene could be radically altered if they are ousted. Assessments by both sides of their likely performance could also be disrupted by a low voter turnout after a campaign that has been devoid of any issues, other than being a simple referendum on the dismissal of the government. Even Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, the Sindi feudal landlord installed as acting prime minister, is in danger of losing his National Assembly seat.

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Tearful meeting: Kim Jung Un, the mother of a South Korean woman student serving a five-year prison sentence for illegally visiting North Korea last year, is overcome with emotion at the unexpected release by the South Korean authorities of Moon Ik-hwan, a 72-year-old South Korean Presbyterian pastor, serving a seven-year sentence for illegally visiting North Korea (Reuter reports from Seoul). Mr Moon, a respected dissident and religious figure, was arrested in April 1989 after his illegal trip to Pyongyang, during which he met President Kim Il Sung of North Korea. His release from a hospital in the southwestern town of Chonju, where he was receiving a check-up, was seen as a conciliatory move to further talks with North Korea.

Malaysia premier in close run poll

From Reuter in Kuala Lumpur

AN OPPOSITION alliance was running neck and neck with Malaysia's ruling coalition in first results of parliamentary elections, officials said last night.

The ten-member ruling coalition, headed by Mahathir Mohamed, the prime minister, and the opposition alliance headed by his arch-rival and former finance minister, Razaleigh Hamzah, had won ten seats each, while two independent candidates gained one seat each. Mr Razaleigh said: "I feel good. I think we will form the next government and take quite a number of states."

All the initial results were from the Borneo states of Sarawak and Sabah. A total of 180 parliamentary seats, and 351 seats in the legislative assemblies of 11 of Malaysia's 13 states, are being contested.

All the ten seats won so far by the opposition in Sabah state came from the tribally based, predominantly Christian Bersatu Sabah party which defected from Dr Mahathir's coalition last Monday. The multi-racial coalition needs to win 90 seats to form the government and 120 to gain a two-thirds majority — needed to push through key bills in parliament.

Analysts say that the election, called a year ahead of schedule, poses the biggest test yet for the ruling National Front coalition. The analysts had expected Dr Mahathir, aged 64, who took office in 1981, to return to power for a third term but said he could be denied a two-thirds majority.

Dr Mahathir campaigned for continuity and stability to ensure economic progress, while the opposition urged voters to "save Malaysia" from human rights abuses and corruption.

About eight million of Malaysia's 17.4 million population were eligible to vote in the polls, the eighth since independence in 1957. Officials said that despite rain in some areas, up to 70 per cent of voters turned up to cast ballots in 14,645 polling stations. "The turnout this morning was quite encouraging, being the weekend," one official said.

Officials said that apart from complaints by some voters that their names were missing from the voting list, balloting was incident-free. The polls were monitored by Commonwealth observers.

Khmer Rouge terror keeps up pressure on Phnom Penh

From James Pringle in Bangkok

THE Khmer Rouge have an expression for the kind of attack they made on a train outside the southern port city, Kompong Som, last week, in which 50 people were killed.

They call it "oxidising iron" — "spreading dust across the enemy's infrastructure", according to a recent defector. The aim is to destabilise the Vietnam-backed government here by hitting at its lines of communication and killing or capturing its officials.

It was the third attack on a train this year, and particularly embarrassing for the Phnom Penh government because it happened only eight miles east of Cambodia's main port. The tactic was classic. Mines were detonated under two flatbed cars, then the Khmer Rouge closed in and opened fire with shotguns and other small arms.

Although details are still sketchy, many more than the reported 50 people are likely to have been killed. The flatbed cars are supposed to run empty but those travelling across Cambodia this week were crammed with people carrying goods for sale in the capital.

Mines are a favourite Khmer Rouge weapon, from the small ones that blow off a limb to the powerful version used in this attack. "We say that the mine is a tireless soldier," a Khmer Rouge soldier told his captors. "It does not need food, or sleep and it is always standing sentinel."

In another incident last week, 400 heavily armed Khmer Rouge fighters entered a village on the strategic Highway Three linking the capital with another port, Kampot, east of Kompong Som.

The guerrillas told the villagers the Vietnamese army had not left Cambodia. They said the villagers should not allow their sons to enlist in the army, but should join the "liberation struggle of the national army" of the Khmer Rouge. At gunpoint, the guerrillas "cleaned out the village of rice and foodstuff".

The futility of resistance was demonstrated by Tap Jon, a small farmer in northwest Cambodia. Another group of guerrillas entered the village of So Nichon, 30 miles north of Siem Reap, and demanded rice.

"They had come several times before and we could not afford to keep handing it over as we are poor ourselves and need to eat," the farmer said. He is in Siem Reap hospital with leg and arm wounds. When he refused to give any rice, the Khmer Rouge opened fire, killing his wife, wounding him and shooting his 20-year-old daughter in the foot. Her leg was later amputated at the knee.

The Khmer Rouge do not always use violence. At times they pay for rice with gold or American dollars. Sometimes they show films on portable video equipment; or they kill local officials; or they release officials once they have been "re-educated".

The overall Khmer Rouge leader, Pol Pot, is said to have ordered a "velvet glove" approach to win popular support in rural areas in western Cambodia. Ta Mok, the one-legged Khmer Rouge military commander in northern Cambodia, believes in force and terror, which contributed to a million deaths when the Khmer Rouge ruled Cambodia from 1975 to late 1978. Already 120,000 rural people have been displaced by Khmer Rouge activity.

As the international community tries to push the warring factions to a settlement, the Khmer Rouge and Phnom Penh are preparing new defences for when the wet season ends next month.

Diplomatic sources here say the Phnom Penh army, which was plagued by indiscipline a few months ago, has improved.

The parlous state of the economy is perhaps the biggest threat facing the government as Soviet aid is cut back. A West European diplomat, who visits Phnom Penh frequently, said: "The Khmer Rouge cannot take over the country by military means. But they can do so if there is a collapse of the economy and a vacuum at the centre. The Khmer Rouge is the only organised group that could fill the vacuum."

The Thatcher factor at work

Ronald Butt

The Conservative defeat at Eastbourne, was hardly needed as evidence of the inclination of a majority of voters to see the end of Mrs Thatcher's government. The public mood has been clearly charted in opinion polls for at least 18 months and has been unambiguously displayed to the party's constituency workers by discontented former Tory voters. The loss of Eastbourne could, therefore, be dismissed as a one-day drama revealing nothing of new significance, especially as the seat, like so many others captured from the Tories by centre parties in by-elections, will almost certainly be retaken at the general election.

As Kenneth Baker, the Tory chairman, was quick to point out, the Alliance captured Ryedale in 1986 by overcoming a similar Tory majority, and lost it in 1987 when the Tories won their third term. If statistical comparisons were mechanically applied to Eastbourne it could be glibly asserted that the Tories will yet again overcome their reverses when the general election comes.

Yet the Eastbourne defeat is not to be so easily dismissed, since it has taken place against a political background fundamentally different from that existing at the time of Ryedale. The government then was in bad odour, suffering from the aftermath of the Westland affair and from the protests of voters unhappy with the slow speed of recovery from a recession that had been the temporary price of overcoming inflation. Unemployment still remained at over three million. Yet the public was deeply distrustful of Labour, whose self-reform had gone nowhere near as far in 1986 as it has now. The third-party option offered by the Alliance, then in its heyday with around a third of voters' support, therefore seemed to offer a realistic alternative to the Conservatives.

At the time of Ryedale, however, the fundamental factor that determined the Tories' 1987 general election victory was already in place: inflation was down below 3 per cent and the seeds of economic recovery and boom were well set. It was a growth economy, and the rewards for past abstinence were signalled in the 1987 pre-election budget, both by tax cuts and extra government spending. People felt better off, and they *were* better off. So the election was won, and in the boom that followed unemployment did, indeed, fall rapidly.

Today, with the maximum period between Eastbourne and the general election only a few months more than that between Ryedale and the election of 1987, inflation is at 10.9 per cent, recession is now only beginning to be felt (instead of being at the end of its cycle, as it was in 1986), there is deep discontent with the government's social policies (from the poll tax to the financing of public services) and people are beginning to feel worse off because of high mortgage interest rates and rising prices.

At the same time, Labour has done so much to put its house in order that the Liberal Democrats are now no more than an optional extra facility for protest voters not yet ready to go all the way to Neil Kinnock. And he has gone so far in discarding traditional socialism that even the imprecision of so many of Labour's policies may not handicap his party as much as the Tories hope.

All this is evidence of something very like a sea-change in British politics, suggesting that the relevant comparison to be made with Eastbourne is not Ryedale but the loss of the safe Tory seat of Orpington in 1962. This is not to say that the Liberals will keep Eastbourne but that their victory may well be part of a similar political pattern to that which led to Labour's victory under Harold Wilson in 1964.

Orpington registered discontent with the Tories of voters not yet prepared to go all the way to Labour. But under Wilson's calming influence, many of them did so in the 1964 general election, though giving Labour an overall majority of only four seats. The Liberals, with some three million votes (though only nine seats), came tantalisingly in sight of holding the balance.

Something like this outcome looks increasingly in prospect for the general election, which will probably be held in 1992. (With the current mood of a section of the Labour party this could also mean an outside chance of an agreement on proportional representation.) Though most people are much better off than in 1979, that is a time not easily recalled, especially by younger voters. A voter aged 25 in 1992 will have been only 12 when Mrs Thatcher took power.

Over the past two years the government has had signals galore of the dangers over a whole range of its policies. It has shrugged them off. Warnings from those who most value its great achievements have been dismissed by Downing Street as signs of wimpishness. Justly or not, the critical public now associates this refusal to listen with Mrs Thatcher personally. It has increasingly come to regard the boom as something that most benefited the rich, and what is more the boom has ended. The question therefore follows, has she become more a liability than the great asset she was?

Yet there is no prospect of her standing down, and there are too many hotly contested issues in the Conservative party (Europe among them) for there to be peaceful agreement on a successor if she did. The Thatcher factor therefore will determine the outcome of the election, and only Mrs Thatcher herself can determine whether it is a winning or a losing card. Above all she needs both scepticism about past dogma and a willingness to listen.

Anatole Lieven sees this week's election doing nothing to put Pakistan's house in order

Will Benazir outwit the generals?

Pakistan's general election on Wednesday, precipitated by the dismissal of Benazir Bhutto's government in August, is unlikely to turn out as the generals hoped. They had reckoned on voters turning away from her Pakistan People's Party by the million because of her administration's inept performance and the desertion of many of her MPs in the face of the army's show of strength.

In the event, defections have been few, and barring massive rigging by the "caretaker" government, the PPP will almost certainly remain the largest single party. Popular disillusionment with alleged PPP corruption has largely been cancelled out by public anger over the manner of the government's dismissal.

Concrete evidence of corruption has proved hard to find, but Miss Bhutto's husband, Asif Zardari, now under arrest, is vulnerable. To strengthen his hand against both Miss Bhutto and an admirably impartial judiciary, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan has taken the power to transfer any case from any court in Pakistan to another, at any stage in the proceedings: if Mr Zardari looks like getting off, the president will simply find another judge.

Should the PPP come out on top on Wednesday, some forces in the establishment are reported to have asked Miss Bhutto to cede the prime ministership to someone more acceptable to the army, in return for the charges against her husband being dropped.

That would be a compromise acceptable to many PPP supporters, but Miss Bhutto is unlikely to agree. The generals would not allow her to dominate a government from behind the scenes.

Contrary to popular belief, the deep hostility to Miss Bhutto in the establishment stems only partly from her being a woman. "Islamist" ideas do not yet predominate in the army high command and senior bureaucracy, which retain vestiges of the British-Indian tradition. More important is hereditary dislike of her family and anger at her interference in military and bureaucratic appointments. But perhaps the main reason for her dismissal is her support for the native Sindis of her home province in the violence against Mohajir immigrants from post-independence India that has left hundreds dead.

Given the weakness of the Islamic Democratic Alliance, the main opposition to the PPP, the army may have no choice but to seek a compromise with Miss Bhutto if it does not want to take over directly. This could perhaps be achieved by Miss Bhutto's agreement to an institutionalised government role for the army through a national security council that would deal with internal conflicts such as that in Sind.

Senior PPP members have indicated that such a council would be acceptable, but many party workers, especially in Sind, would regard it as a betrayal. Some of Miss Bhutto's advisers say that in view of the internal divisions of any non-PPP government, and appalling economic problems that can only be aggravated by the high price of oil, the PPP should stay in opposition and wait for the army to call it back.

If the elections are rigged, or a PPP victory is brushed aside, Pakistan could suffer a cut in American aid. Miss Bhutto's mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto — who once fiercely denounced "American imperialism" — is currently in Washington lobbying for support for the PPP. Well aware of the danger, General Aslam Baig, the army chief of staff, recently denounced "superpower interference" in Pakistan's internal affairs.

To some extent, however, President Bush is in the generals' hands. Just as Washington swallowed General Zia's rule because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, so Mr Bush needs Pakistani support against Iraq. The purse strings can hardly be cut after the generals' offer of tens of thousands of troops for a pan-Islamic force, should they be required.

Pakistan's underlying problem is that both the existing political blocs, and the military, are based on family or sectional interests that have proved incapable of generating co-ordinated efforts to develop the country.

Even General Zia, supposedly an autocrat, had to squander the bonanza of American aid during the Afghan war to buy support from the political classes. The chance to develop the country's infrastructure under the iron heel of military dictatorship was lost, perhaps for good.

Without a co-ordinated effort, however, Pakistan faces a grim future. By the year 2000, the population will grow by almost 50 per cent. Already unemployment among educated youth is the biggest engine of conflict in Sind; the country's farmers could not feed such numbers. The scale of the problem, and the failure of existing political society, is likely to foster belief in what might be called an Islamic-fascist solution, particularly among junior officers who might eventually throw off their ingrained obedience to their superiors. If Pakistan were ethnically homogenous, that might work. In a nation riven as it is, it looks more like a recipe for quick suicide in place of the creeping rot offered by Miss Bhutto and the other politicians.

Something stirring, if only for our great-grandchildren

Bernard Levin praises plans to plant a new forest in the Midlands—and invites suggestions for its name

If you were seeking the least romantic man in the realm, you would look for him first among the ranks of the spokesmen of Leicestershire county council, and you would be reasonably certain that your search would not be in vain.

What, then, would you think if you read, coming from precisely that source, these words: "It . . . gives people a visionary feel." A visionary feel? From Leicestershire county council? Nay, from a *spokesman* for Leicestershire county council? I think you would at least be sufficiently intrigued to learn more about this official and his vision.

But when you discovered what this particular vision encompassed, so great would be your astonishment that you would inevitably think you were being hoaxed. For a recent article in this paper, by Craig Seton, has revealed that there is afoot a serious and apparently feasible proposal to plant in the Midlands an entirely new forest, 150 square miles in area, which would be bigger than Birmingham and Coventry put together and would stretch lengthwise from Uttoxeter to Leicester and widthwise from Lichfield to Burton-on-Trent.

If that does not engage your imagination until your hair stands on end, you must be bald. But it is not a hoax: no one could possibly believe that the Countryside Commission, from which the news emanates, would indulge in such impropriety. Moreover, the environment secretary has given the proposal his imprimatur, and — rather more valuable than his imprimatur — enough money to see that the thing is done.

The Countryside Commission had scoured the land to find an area sufficiently short of trees for the plan, and found five, two of which are sufficiently romantic already, based as they are on, respectively, Sherwood Forest and the Forest of Arden ("Where they fleet the time carelessly, as they did in the golden world"). But the present site, which it seems has fewer trees than most of the rest of the country, carried the day.

And what a day: I can hardly wait for it to dawn, though I shall not see it completed, for the planting alone will take 30 years, and the forest will not come to full maturity for 100. That fact in itself stirs the blood, for to think of a project that will not be finished in one's own lifetime, or indeed in that of two or three generations younger, is a marvellously calming experience. It has that quality primarily because it is based on nature, which cannot be hurried, unlike man-made things; there are many huge projects, such as manned flights to the sun, which will take many decades in the creating, but they will not have the patina that nature, and nature alone, can provide. Why, one day, even that foolish old dream of digging a tunnel between Britain and France will be attempted, though of course it will prove a white elephant and lose all the billions it costs.

No such fate will befall the forest, even though it is a project initiated and cultivated by man. There are man-made dangers, of course; already there is talk of "assisting tourism" and the idea has even been described as "a draw to quality investment". So far from assisting tourism, there should be signs on all the roads leading to any part of the new forest, in all the languages of the earth, to the effect that it is overrun by particularly savage wolves and exceptionally poisonous snakes, and no investment of any kind should be permitted if there is the slightest possibility of it producing a profit. There is also the inevitable chatter about the forest being "part of the nation's contribution to combating global warming", but that is harmless and can be ignored.

The prospectus says that half of the area will be under trees, the other half comprising fields, villages and towns. I am uneasy about the towns; suppose they looked like Birmingham or smelt like Burton-on-Trent? Let us insist that there shall be no village with more than, say, a thousand inhabitants, and for safety's sake none of these should be less than 10 miles from any other. "Some commercial timber operations" are mentioned; I am not implacably opposed to these — after all, clearing fallen trees and lopping crowded ones are part of forestry conservation — but I insist that the business is scrupulously run and very closely monitored.

All that, though, is nothing but the practical aspect of what is intended. The important part is ours — ours to wonder at, and to imagine ourselves, or our great-grandchildren, wandering through a forest that men had conceived and planted, and that nature, needing no further instructions, had completed. Think of the birds, for a start; they will not need any guidance, let alone thoughts of quality investment, to take up residence. Look up; if you are sharp-eyed enough, you may see a nest, but in any case you will hear them singing, and in any case you will see the light on the leaves and branches, in an infinite variety of combinations, every one a thing of beauty. (I was delighted to learn, years ago, that nature has arranged matters so that on every tree every leaf is assured a measure of sunshine; none is permitted to be hidden from the light altogether. I believe that Corot was a first painter who made use of this amazing truth.)

Rabbits and hares, foxes and squirrels will abound, and if the human beings in the area have enough sense to leave strictly alone the habitat (now inelegantly called the biosphere, or even the eco-system, but who would think to plant a tree, let alone a forest, in an eco-system?) their numbers will stabilise, so that myxamatosis will be needed only for the tourists, should the alarming signposts not deter them.

But there is better still to come. We are assured that the forest will consist of mainly broadleaved trees (that "mainly" will have to be regularly examined). The wonderful idea of a brand new forest may be thought of as the contrition and penance required of the Forestry Commission, which for decades has been determined to cover every square inch of this country, not excluding Oxford Circus, York Minster and Coniston Water, in their pestilent conifers. If there is no backsliding, the forest may grant them absolution.

What name shall it have? We must in no circumstances follow the wretched solution devised for the National Theatre, where a preposterous vanity was permitted to name two of the NT's three auditoriums respectively after the long-forgotten mother of an unimpressive Tory cabinet minister, and one of those useful workhorses — among his countless credits was the chairmanship of Battersea dogs' home (well, somebody has to be) — who has not so much been forgotten as little heard of in the first place.

I suppose the search for a name could make a nationwide competition, though the judges would have to be very carefully chosen, lest they decide on Gazza. An appealing solution would be to take the most romantic or charming village name in the area and use that; is there a Weddingportion Culhampton or a Vicar's Beckoning somewhere about? But surely the best solution is before our eyes, at any rate if we have a volume of Shakespeare open before us. Why not just call it Another Part of the Forest?

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

"TOO MANY painters today base their work on a love of art rather than a love of life . . ." *Donald Young (1924-90).*

My Uncle Don was not one of life's obvious high-livers. A lonely working-class boyhood behind him, he turned away from one class and never sought entrance to another. He stammered, and didn't like parties. Anyway, he had Joyce, and a few good friends, and chess.

He wouldn't sell his paintings and found promoting them unendurable. He just painted: from the day he left art school in 1947 he was painting, or fretting that he wasn't. The house in Beckenham was stacked, floor to ceiling: front room and back rooms, walls, stairs and corridors . . . four decades of Don's work. When he died there was a painting on the easel. It was all he cared for. He was not listening for the clink of the champagne glass or the braying of modish approval. Nobody cultivated him, few believed in him. Except my Auntie Joyce.

It cannot have been easy for a butcher's daughter to bring home a shy youth, a lighterman's son who had won a scholarship to Chelsea School of Art but whose work was hardly what my grandparents considered "art". Angular dauhings with funny noses, whimsical things yet painfully intense.

I remember the whispers: "*Joyce* can draw. Her birds really look like birds. But she doesn't draw much now." My aunt, a schoolteacher, became the breadwinner.

They never had children. It was just Joyce and Don, the goldfish, Snowball the cat — the late Snowball — and, each year, more paintings. Now Don has gone: leaving Joyce, a house full of paintings and a new cat. The cat was indifferent to the paintings. The fish is no more. I mentioned the fish to Joyce. "It would have been his birthday this month," she said. The new cat died last week.

Joyce is 70. She has started a complete cataloguing of Don's work. As she points out, when a future age discovers Don, it will matter. Meanwhile she is spreading the word. She rang me to say she had arranged an exhibition at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon that I must see before it closes next Friday.

I went. Nobody in the foyer knew about it. They directed me to the Croydon Art Society exhibition — where they had not heard of it either. "There's more upstairs," someone said, "but I don't recall the name Young." I went upstairs. The paintings (of the painstaking school), including one of the old Croydon airport control tower, were not by Don. I turned to go, glancing down an un-signposted corridor hung with more pictures.

And spotted Snowball — my favourite painting, where he is a blizzardy blur, tangling a ball of wool that grandma and Joyce are trying to wind: a wonderful picture, to me.

Joyce had arranged the whole show. Things Don had written had been typed, and posted up with the pictures. Wall cards told you about Don's career. Each painting was titled, and some of his best were there: the chess game "*when Joyce won despite non-adherence to elementary principles*". And two powerful self-portraits. After an hour with them, Don's presence seemed to grow.

Sometimes people passed the corridor and, for Don's sake, I willed somebody — anybody — to stop and admire. Nobody even glanced. Snowball, still tangled in his wool, winked across at humorous figures sketched in oils in Don's teasing way. Could he see? Did he mind that nobody looked?

Through glass doors two elderly men discussed Croydon airport control tower, of which they approved. "Yes," said one in a bowls-club blazer, "a lot of work has gone into that. You can see each stone." He peered towards Don's territory. "What's over there?"

I heard Don's stammer, behind my shoulder: "Don't bother!" — almost pleading — "you honestly won't like it."

"Don't bother," said the bowling gent's friend. "Picasso sort of stuff." They turned and left. Snowball resumed his game.

Don smiled with relief. He did not need these people. He only needed Joyce . . . and Snowball, who was concentrating on the wool and unconcerned with art. Don hated art.

DIARY

Top-people litter louts

Mountaineer Chris Bonington has identified the ultimate high-altitude challenge: the ascent of Mount Everest by an expedition equipped with enough refuse bags to clear it of discarded rubbish.

The conqueror of Everest and many other Himalayan peaks is appalled by what he calls the "thoughtless desecration" of mountains the world over by climbers who leave a trail of debris in their wake. "Everest is the highest junkyard in the world," he says. "It is littered with discarded tins, tents, food and empty oxygen tanks. There is so much up there that a full-scale expedition will be needed to remove it."

Although admitting that he is not entirely blameless, Bonington hopes that by highlighting the state of Everest he will shame fellow mountaineers into disposing of their waste.

He cites the tins, bottles and plastic containers strewn around the base camp at the foot of the Diamir face of Nanga Parbat in the Himalayas, which he has just visited while making a BBC television series. He took photographs to identify the nationalities of the culprits by the labels on the packaging and has sent copies to all the major mountaineering magazines in the world.

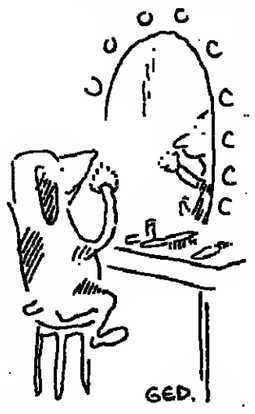
"Climbers should take the trouble to crush and bury tins and collect their litter for disposal when they get down," he says. "When you come to a beautiful, untouched place you should leave it in the state in which you found it. Unless we start changing our habits we shall destroy the mountain environment. What is happening in the Himalayas is a microcism of what is happening in the rest of the world."

Although Bonington supports the dispatch of a clean-up team to Everest, at 56 he has no plans to lead it. A pity. The prospect of Bonington inching upwards with a custom-built skip on his back would surely encourage big-money sponsorship.

Taking a bow-wow

Friends and colleagues of Sir Anthony Quayle, who died of cancer a year ago, will take the stage of the Theatre Royal, Haymarket, on Sunday to pay him tribute and to help the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

They will include Dame Peggy Ashcroft, Sir Alec Guinness and Robert Hardy. But the star of the show will undoubtedly be Sir Anthony's Jack Russell terrier, Tiger, who will make his stage debut playing Crab from *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. Ignoring the old theatre maxim that one should never play opposite children or animals, Clive Francis, as Lance the clown, will recite to him.



The dog's new owner, Compass Theatre administrator Julian Forrester, is confident that Tiger will take the performance in his stride. "He is very much a theatre dog, and I'm sure he will be able to handle the applause."

Scrumdown

Peter Hain, scourge of all things South African, suggested on this page on Saturday that the de Klerk reforms warrant a trial resumption of sporting links with the outside world, provided the South African teams are truly multiracial.

Is it a genuine change of heart, or one dictated by political expediency? Richard Evans, prospective Conservative candidate for Neath — which Hain is to contest for Labour — suspects the latter. Winner of three national championships last season, Neath is to rugby what Liverpool is to soccer, and Evans says Hain has been getting a lot of doorstep flak from rugby supporters (that means everyone from six months up) who accuse him of being partly responsible for denying them visits by the Springboks.

"His sudden change of heart dates from coming down here, knocking on doors and being confronted by people — already against him for being an outsider — who believe that politics and sport should never be allowed to mix. He is now going overboard to convince people he has shed his old convictions."

Not worth nicking

Michael Robinson, former keeper of pictures at the National Maritime Museum and author of a new two-volume catalogue of the works of the two Van de Veldes, fears that one of the best-known pictures attributed to the Dutch artists, hanging in the Queen's House at Greenwich, is not original.

"The Royal visit to the fleet in the Thames estuary, 5 June 1672" was commissioned by Charles II from the Dutch father-and-son team. It was acquired by the Greenwich museum in the 1930s and described as the original, but Robinson, whose catalogue of the Van de Veldes is the result of 60 years of research, says: "My feeling now is that it is not quite well enough painted."

David Cordingly, head of presentations at Greenwich, does not dispute Robinson's opinion. "Michael is the fountainhead of all knowledge about the Van de Veldes, and if he believes this is not by the hands of the masters, that is the case. But it is still an important historical document. This might reduce its value, but we are pretty relaxed about it."

Such a laid-back attitude is commendable. London art dealer Rodney Orrell, who specialises in maritime pictures, says: "If that is the case, instead of half a million, it probably would not fetch more than £100,000."

Deux livres de livres

The quintessentially British notion of a small country town with a choice of second-hand bookshops has been exported to France. Richard Booth, who set up the first of 25 book emporiums at Hay-on-Wye 30 years ago, has moved to Montolieu in the Pyrenees. To the delight of Gallic buyers and browsers alike he has just opened, on two days a week, the hamlet's first second-hand bookshop.

"The French have yet to experience a book town such as Hay-on-Wye," says Booth. "I hope other booksellers will follow me to Montolieu — indeed, six or seven have already made soundings." He also hopes that other small shops that have nothing to do with books will follow. "In Hay-on-Wye, there are eight times more small shops than in neighbouring towns of similar size."

● *Neil Kinnock's lip-stretching roar of laughter when an enraged Margaret Thatcher branded him a crypto-communist at question time last week was not the masterful gesture of disdain identified by the parliamentary scribes. It seems that in the din the Labour leader never actually heard the slur. It was only when he returned to his office, and his face resumed its normal composure, that he was told what she had said.*

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PAY AND THE PUBLIC

The government has a private sector pay policy. ERM is its name. The exchange rate mechanism inhibits devaluation of the currency, and so British firms who pay their employees too much will not be able to compete with foreign firms. For Michael Howard, the employment secretary, the trick is to make people see that pay restraint is in their interest because their own jobs are at risk. As policies go, this just about passes muster, at the cost of some oversimplification of the real world. The same cannot be said of the government's policy towards public sector pay.

This policy does not rely on a pay norm. Reports that the government was aiming for a 7 per cent pay target for its employees this winter are exaggerated, though it wants negotiators to assume a 7 per cent inflation rate. The policy for the public sector, Mr Howard said yesterday, is based on cash limits. Too much pay will mean cuts and lost jobs.

During this decade, the policy has been reasonably successful in holding down the pay of public employees. In the year to April, central government earnings rose by only 7 per cent (though earnings in local government went up by 11 per cent). This compared with 9.1 per cent in the private sector. Since 1981, and the end of comparability, public sector pay has steadily lost ground to that in the private sector. But the cost of that limited success has been enormous.

What happens in the public sector is that monopoly unions sit down with monopoly employers to construct cosy deals. Sometimes, the price of a high settlement is a declining level of service. At others, they are content with a more modest settlement, hanging onto the quiet life at the expense of changing work practices to improve services. In many public sector organisations, investment is repeatedly cut to make room for centrally-determined pay awards. Pay rises as a proportion of total costs. In consequence, more and more public expenditure does not buy correspondingly improved public services. Moreover, in the public sector, decisions as to who should be paid relatively more, and who relatively less, become distorted by politics.

The government always finds scope to pay more to the police. Establishing its law-and-order credentials matters, even though police effectiveness in doubt. Firemen enjoy a formula linking them to the top quarter of average earnings; even this, *The Times* reports today, fails to dissuade some of them from defrauding the public through spurious injury claims. And any group that takes industrial action for long enough, boasts a plausible cause and has a cogent spokesman can be sure of partial victory, as the ambulancemen proved earlier this year.

Meanwhile senior civil servants, whose cause is not popular, are paid too little and made too secure. Awards from the pay review bodies, for doctors and nurses, judges and the armed forces, are for ever being rephased to keep down the cost to the Exchequer. The illusion of restraint is achieved, but only at a cost to the morale of those involved and to the integrity of the ministerial conjurers. This is no way to run a railroad, or a post office, or a central government.

Only the naive believe that a perfect policy for public sector pay exists. But the ingredients for the best practicable policy are clear, and should be entirely acceptable to present ministers. The further privatisation goes, and the more competition to which privatised organisations are exposed, the better. Firmness in negotation over the total sums available should be matched with flexibility in rewarding gronps who genuinely contribute to greater efficiency. Market criteria such as recruitment, retention and motivation should be given priority over political considerations; that means a continuing devolution of pay negotiations away from the national level.

Above all, ministers should keep negotiations at arm's length. Those who cannot keep their hands off invariably end up with burnt fingers.

IN SYRIA'S SHADOW

When Lebanese and Syrian troops finally forced General Michel Aoun to flee the presidential palace last weekend Lebanon's president, Elias Hrawi, proclaimed a "new dawn" and promised an ending to Lebanon's 15 years of civil war. Yet even before yesterday's assassination of the prominent Christian leader Dany Chamoun and his family, the dawn was already stained Lebanon's characteristic blood-red. Among other atrocities, Syrian forces last week murdered around 200 of the general's captured troops, putting into perspective President Hrawi's demand that the French embassy surrender General Aoun to face trial for war crimes.

Last week's operation, intended to be a surgical strike, was successful in its main aim of ending General Aoun's hopeless 18-month crusade to drive Syria from Lebanon. The barricades along the Green Line dividing Christian east Beirut from the Muslim west have already come down. But all surgery in Lebanon has a way of developing post-operative complications.

Will this happen again? General Aoun's departure removes one barrier to unifying the country along the lines of the constitutional compromise agreed, under Arab League sponsorship, at the Saudi resort of Taif a year ago. But the gain should not be exaggerated. General Aoun's challenge has long been a fiction. The Christians controlled only a fraction of Lebanon and General Aoun only a small area within it. Military victory over 40,000 Syrian troops was never within his reach, unless he could draw western powers into the fray. This year, his men have devoted most energy to fighting the militia of his Christian rival, Dr Samir Geagea.

President Hrawi's proclaimed priorities are bringing all Beirut under central government control and dismantling Lebanon's militias. That will be difficult. Lebanon's political system and civil institutions, from rubbish collection to security, have been all but destroyed. There have been no elections for 18 years and the real political leaders are those who head the militias: the Druze, the rival Christian groups and, among the Shia, the mutually hostile forces of Hezbollah and the Amal militia led by Nabih Berri. Other assorted gunmen backed by Syria roam Beirut.

President Hrawi would also like to establish his government as something more than Syria's puppet. But the hard truth is that he can only do so with President Assad's tacit permission. To assert the government's authority, the weak Lebanese army needs Syrian backing. Syria enjoys unwonted freedom of manoeuvre in present circumstances. Iraq's invasion of Kuwait has given Syria, as Iraq's enemy, temporary *carte blanche* in Lebanon. Iran, which finances the Hezbollah, is in supportive mood. Israel's ability to react is constrained by the need to maintain as low a profile as possible. So Syria is free for the moment to use its power to incorporate Lebanon, as President Assad has always wanted, into "Greater Syria".

Realpolitik may none the less incline President Assad to a more circumspect exercise of Syrian hegemony. That is not only because improved relations with the west, which supports the Taif agreement, are important to Syria. The Beirut militias are not the only forces with which the Syrians would have to contend if they contemplated annexation. Iraq, which supported General Aoun, would encourage the 10,000-strong Palestinian militia in Sidon, just to the south of Beirut, to turn an outright bid for control of Lebanon into a bloodbath. Finally, a revival of Lebanese prosperity would help the Syrian economy.

If Syria permits it, the Taif accords have a chance. Having buried more than 100,000 dead, most Lebanese would prefer any order, even that imposed under Syria's shadow, to continued fighting. The accords provide a basis for civil peace. They go some way to meeting the grievances of Lebanon's Muslim majority by diluting Christian political hegemony, while providing the Christians with safeguards. For the moment peace, or near-peace, in Lebanon would be prize enough, even brokered by Syria. President Hrawi must work with the forces available to him, and the devil he knows.

JUSTICE V LAWYERS

In principle, all are equal before the law, but in Britain, too many people are deterred from seeking any form of legal redress. Legal fees, unpredictable in advance of any case, can turn out to be crippling. Those who qualify for legal aid from the state have their fees paid in full. Those with incomes just above the legal aid threshold receive not a penny. The case for making better use of public money is clear.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, has responded by setting up the most wide-ranging review of legal aid that the scheme has seen in its 40 years of existence. He intends to tackle two problems: the inability of many middle-income people to afford litigation, and the rapidly escalating cost to government of the legal aid scheme.

Michael Murphy, of the London School of Economics, calculated last year that since 1979 as many as 14.8 million more people, or 5.5 million households, had become ineligible for civil legal aid. Yet while deserving people fail to qualify for legal aid, the scheme's cost has doubled over the past five years to £715 million gross (some £600 million net). This rate of increase is higher than that for public spending on health and social security. Because legal aid is demand-led – that is, available as of right to anyone below the financial threshold – the cost, in theory, is limitless.

Spending without a ceiling does not, of course, endear itself to the Treasury. Hence the pressure on Lord Mackay to opt for a cap on the legal aid budget. He has already warned that the scheme is not an "unconditional blank cheque from the taxpayer". None the less, like spending on prisons, legal aid cannot easily be capped. How could a government justify the inequity of supporting one litigant while another, on the same income, and with as good a case, goes without? Or of cutting off legal aid in October because the scheme has run out of money for that year?

The government, through the legal aid scheme, is a powerful consumer and should be able to demand better value for money from the legal profession. In crown courts, for instance, lawyers are paid by the hour, giving them an incentive to let cases drag on for as long as possible. In magistrates' courts, there is now a fixed legal aid fee for certain types of work. This could be extended to a large section of crown court work, albeit with exceptions for the more time-consuming cases.

The review is also, wisely, considering making legal aid more widely available in some areas and less in others. For instance, it may recommend that anyone, regardless of means, should receive legal aid for personal injury cases. Such an extension would cost little, since most legally-aided personal injury actions are successful, and so recover their costs. The review may also recommend providing legal aid in divorce cases only when all other avenues have been exhausted. If both these changes were accepted, legal aid would be channelled to those who need it more.

The government will never be able fully to compensate the middle-income losers in Britain's legal system. Only the lawyers can help to ensure that all those who have a good case in law can afford to pursue it. Private fees have to come down. Wasteful double-manning must be abolished. The review should make no bones about the inequity of restrictive practices and demand a positive contribution from the lawyers themselves. The law should serve justice, not the interests of the legal profession.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student worry over poll tax

From Miss Harriet Emerson

Sir, It would appear that recovery of poll tax debts is to become yet another burden on the already overstretched funding of, initially, the Scottish education system and potentially that of the whole of the UK.

Whilst we must hope that the Scottish Education Department (SED) is successful in its attempt to challenge the validity of regional councils arresting tuition fees (report, October 18), there exists considerable doubt even in some legal minds as to whether this may be achieved.

Should the arrestments be upheld as valid then students will be subject to more draconian measures than any other poll tax defaulter. Moreover such a result would effectively transfer the onus for pursual of the community charge on to the individual educational establishments. This would be a wholly inappropriate function for such bodies and would involve them in costly administration they can ill afford.

It is impossible to predict whether a situation of this sort would in reality translate to the halting of an individual's academic participation until the debt was settled or mean more serious underfunding for the educational provisions of students overall. It would certainly increase the already great difficulty in providing adequate education from a declining unit of resource within individual institutions.

Natural justice would suggest that if educational material may not be used in warrant sales to cover poll tax debts, tuition fees should be beyond arrestment.

Possibly the most alarming danger should arrestments occur is the precedent that would then be set for further debt collection by this procedure. The Government's system of student financial support involving student loans and loss of social security benefits by the majority means that student debt is increasing at an alarming rate. As such, should the SED's challenge fail we will surely see an increased drop out amongst students as the value of education in Britain is still further undermined.

Yours faithfully,
HARRIET EMERSON (President, Students' Representative Council),
University of Aberdeen,
Luthuli House,
50/52 College Bounds,
Aberdeen.
October 18.

God and Mammon

From the Reverend Christopher Fenton

Sir, There is too much evidence, in the New Testament as well as in the Old, about the importance of riches for us to be able to accept the "easy way out" postulated either by Mrs Jo Brogden of Lincoln Cathedral ("spirituality and commercialism do not sit happily side by side", report October 13) or by the Dean and Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral, who have said that their money-making chief executive must also go.

Jesus did not say "There is no room for God and Mammon" in his kingdom, but that we could not *serve* them both.

Just now and then I come across churches which are putting their spirituality on the market. They are offering what they were always meant to offer, free salvation – as opposed to cheap imitations – which people know instinctively is very costly; then, both fabric and faith are well looked after.

Yours truly,
CHRISTOPHER FENTON,
Under Down,
Ledbury, Herefordshire.
October 13.

Amateur archaeology

From Mr Andrew Selkirk

Sir, It is not just the arts that need an amateur revival (article, September 26; letters, October 5); in archaeology the situation is equally pressing.

The Council for Independent Archaeology has recently been formed to encourage independent archaeology – that is, archaeology independent of government funding. I am sure we would welcome the opportunity to make common cause with the Voluntary Art Network, and indeed the whole of the voluntary movement.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW SELKIRK
(Chairman),
Council for Independent Archaeology,
9 Nassington Road, NW3.

Education problems

From Mr B. V. West

Sir, If West Germany's GNP is somewhat greater than ours (which by all accounts is the case), then Dr Keith Hampson's figures on education funding (October 8) will show that the UK is spending less *per capita* on education than Germany.

His statement that Labour underfunding of education in 1976 caused a fall in the proportion of 18-year-olds entering higher education will not wash. As I recall, this was a period when generous funding as compared with today was available to such students, so there must have been other factors responsible.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN V. WEST,
77 Beechwood Avenue,
Woodley, Reading, Berkshire.

From the Headmaster of The Perse School, Cambridge

Sir, Now is perhaps the time to produce an increasing string of intelligent, convincing and above all clear directives on examination policy.

My proposal is to replace all existing GCE A-level, GCSE and BTec examinations with one single, compulsory examination to be taken by all pupils at 18. This would sweep aside all the outmoded traditional subject disciplines, and replace them with a single examination in interpersonal skills, widely acknowledged as the only skill that will see Britain through 1992, the greenhouse effect and the Apocalypse.

The advantages of this system should be clear for all to see. At a stroke schools would be required to teach only one subject and hence have only one department, leading to a huge saving in cost. Expensive laboratory and scientific equipment would no longer be required as, for example, pupils would no longer be required to explain the chemical reaction that took place when an egg was boiled, but instead be required to explain what it felt like to be the egg.

This does not require a bunsen burner. Indeed, it does not really require an egg. Traditionalists might argue that this new subject lacks a practical element, but an integral part of the syllabus would be to supply all pupils with one sheet of corrugated iron and several tons of newspaper, they then being required to build their classrooms with these materials.

I feel this proposal is the logical extension of all our recent advances in educational and examination theory, and have no hesitation in asking for your readers' support.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN STEPHEN,
The Perse School, Cambridge.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number – (071) 782 5046.

Cheap credit and housing market

From the Director-General of the Building Societies Association

Sir, Your leader (October 17) concerning "cheap credit" seems to be based on a fundamental misunderstanding of the housing market. It suggests that in 1988 British householders borrowed £42.7 billion "allegedly for the purpose of buying and improving housing", whereas they spent only £18.2 billion on housing investment and home improvements, the remaining amount being spent on consumer goods, holidays, investments and even second homes abroad.

All but a small fraction of the £42.7 billion was, indeed, spent on the purchase and improvement of housing, and of this £18.2 billion was received by house builders and those contractors engaged in home improvements.

The remaining £24.5 billion was largely received by people selling houses, for example, those inheriting the estates of their parents and elderly people moving down market on their retirement. Equity withdrawal largely results not from those taking out loans but rather from those selling houses and not purchasing new ones.

It follows from what I have said that your suggested remedies are questionable. It can hardly be an attractive approach to suggest that banks and building societies should restrain remortgaging because remortgaging is not a significant cause of equity withdrawal.

Your objective is to ensure that remortgages used to finance consumer spending are treated the same way as any other consumer loans. For tax purposes they are treated in the same way. You suggest that it is absurd that the householder using his home as collateral to buy a car should pay less for this money than ICI or Shell. I am sure that ICI or Shell can raise money on terms every bit as good as a householder, if they can offer equivalent collateral.

Surely the rate of interest on a loan must depend on the risk attaching to that loan not the use to which the loan is put, something which cannot always be ascertained?

Yours faithfully,
M. J. BOLÉAT,
Director-General,
The Building Societies Association,
3 Savile Row, W1.
October 17.

From Mrs Hilary Northcroft

Sir, Thank you for bringing to attention the relationship between the housing market and the inflationary boom and for proposing measures to prevent recurrence should interest rates fall. Indeed, banks and building societies might better be persuaded to restrain their lending were their own employees subject to the same interest rates as their borrowers.

However, I believe that the present situation is a symptom of an underlying malignancy in our economy. Our best graduates are lured into the financial sector, where they are employed to devise and market sophisticated products, aimed at specific groups in the population, both individual and corporate, some of whom are vulnerable through lack of education.

In this instance the government's commitment to home ownership was the pointer for the target group. The equity in the property market has now been milked. It has resulted in embarrassment for the government and much individual suffering. Third World loans, credit cards and company takeovers have similarly been exhausted.

But even now a new range of products is being launched at a fresh market sector as yet untapped. In the longer term only an improvement in educational standards will reduce the opportunity for the exploitation of the gullible by the greedy.

We "wrinklies" are the latest target group. The good news is we are apparently proving more difficult to dupe.

Yours faithfully,
HILARY NORTHCROFT,
Balcombe Farmhouse,
Frittenden,
Cranbrook, Kent.
October 18.

From Mr G. M. Wedd

Sir, The near-hysteria induced by the Budget decision in 1988 to end multiple mortgage relief five months later sucked forward latent demand which would otherwise have been spread over the following two years. Current market conditions are doing the opposite. I do not see much joy in this for the highly-borrowed.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WEDD,
The Lodge, Church Hill,
High Littleton,
Bristol, Avon.

From Mr W. Watson

Sir, I read your editorial with great interest. The community creates the value of land. At the moment this value goes into the private purse, creating such abnormalities as you describe. Why not tax land values and let the community benefit from the value it creates?

Yours sincerely,
W. WATSON,
The Print Studio,
15 Egerton Road,
Twickenham, Middlesex.

Press complaints

From Mr R. Borzello

Sir, I refer to your report (October 17) on the new Press Complaints Commission and the comment by Mr Andreas Whittam Smith, editor of *The Independent*, that third-party complaints are a "waste of time and money" and that the commission should deal with "real complaints". The proposal is that in future only those "directly affected" by a newspaper's story will be allowed to make a complaint to the commission about that story.

In the past six years I have made some 220 third-party complaints to the Press Council. My complaints have been concerned mainly with racism when the information is not relevant. But I have also complained about invasion of privacy, sexism and the misuse of the power of the press by newspapers to punish its critics. According to Whittam Smith's definition, these were not "real complaints" as I was not personally affected by them.

Yet 25 per cent of these complaints were adjudicated by the Press Council (the national average for adjudications is 10 per cent) and the majority were found in my favour against the newspapers concerned. If the Whittam Smith rule had been in force none of these complaints would have been heard although they obviously were based on newspaper stories which violated Press Council and national newspaper code guidelines.

It is not only the public's right to complain when newspapers violate their own proclaimed guidelines, it is the public's duty.

Yours sincerely,
R. BORZELLO,
43 Camden Passage, N1.

Broadcasting bill

From Mr M. A. Gienke

Sir, With all the attention given to the impartiality debate in relation to the Broadcasting Bill there is the possibility of overlooking the loss of a long-standing proviso that television services educate as well as entertain and inform.

Education was a fundamental pillar of the establishment of the BBC and commercial television companies. The British broadcast system has been held in great esteem around the world and is seen as a paragon of quality in its schools, higher education and general education service to society.

Soon after the current bill was introduced it was realised that the lack of statutory provision meant that the new commercial television companies would easily be able to chase the pound by entertaining with no reference to educating. The new Independent Television Commission will not have the same powers as the IBA to insist such programmes are shown.

The Lords wisely amended the bill to safeguard the cherished educational programming on ITV, amending the Broadcasting Act. Recently David Mellor has indicated the government will seek to reverse this amendment, remove the educational programming requirement and thus remove the encouragement and incentive for maintaining this vital service on this country's most popular broadcast channel.

"Upon the education of the people of this country the fate of this country depends", said Disraeli. Through every available medium I would add, especially through commercial broadcasting which has proven to be so capable and adept at the task.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN A. GIENKE (Chairman),
Educational Television Association,
The King's Manor,
Exhibition Square, York.

Looking at ways of getting about

From Mr Sebastian Kindersley

Sir, In view of the calls made by Government, Opposition and by "green" groups is it feasible or realistic to start penalising cyclists by declaring city centres off-limits to them during certain hours of the day as described in your report on October 18?

Here in Cambridge most students use cycles, as indeed do a significant part of the city's population. The problem we are faced with is three-fold: the serious traffic congestion caused by large buses (as so aptly shown in your photograph); lorries parked for loading or unloading in narrow streets and sheer volume of traffic; and the total lack of concern shown by both pedestrians and car drivers to cyclists. I have often had to brake sharply in order to avoid hitting prams, shoppers and tourists who launch themselves aimlessly into the road without so much as a glance either way.

In towns and cities local authorities should be doing all they possibly can to encourage cyclists: it can be a safe, clean, economical and attractive way to travel (how many fatalities per annum are caused by cyclists crashing into each other?) and in our environmentally conscious world what possible excuse can local authorities have for encouraging even more motor traffic?

It is about time that local government officers took a hard look at their priorities for traffic: after all, with the enormous traffic jams they must find themselves in they have ample time in which to do so.

Yours etc.,
S. KINDERSLEY,
34 Cambanks,
Union Lane, Cambridge.
October 18.

From Mr Paul Magrath

Sir, Recent visits to Holland and Germany have confirmed for me that this country has a long way to go before it can consider itself civilised in providing for cyclists. This is a pity.

Cycling is not only good for the environment but good for one's health too, unless you happen to be stuck behind an old bus (less than a quarter full for more than three quarters of the time) using up fossil fuels and emitting a thick black discharge of greenhouse gases.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL MAGRATH,
336 Westbourne Park Road, W11.
October 16.

From Mr Mark Fillingham

Sir, I spent last weekend at Hoddesdon. By public transport it would have taken 10 minutes to walk to the bus stop, 15 minutes to get to Fleet, 50 minutes on the train to Waterloo, 35 minutes to cross to Liverpool Street, 30 minutes to get to Broxbourne, 10 minutes by bus to Hoddesdon and a 20-minute walk to my destination.

I had with me an overhead projector, a box of audio recording equipment, a box of books, a box of materials for the conference I was attending, plus my own personal baggage: impossible to carry single-handed and justifiably unpopular on a crowded vehicle.

The total travelling time comes to almost three hours which, if realistic waiting time is included, brings the total to nearer four hours. By diesel car (at 50+ miles per gallon) it took less than an hour and a half, warm and dry, door to door, travelling at times which suited my other commitments.

How could improving public transport assist in such a journey? Transport policies should not be adversely weighted against the road user on doctrinaire grounds.

Yours etc.,
MARK FILLINGHAM,
23 Wyndham Close,
Yateley, Camberley, Surrey.
October 17.

Dentists' contracts

From Mr Ian Binder

Sir, Keith Osterloh (October 10) comments that the old dental contract did not allow dentists to refuse the more expensive treatments. He omits to explain that the dentist/patient contract was for a single course of treatment only, and once "reasonable dental fitness" had been achieved, dentists could legitimately decline to carry out the more complicated treatments under the NHS.

Under the new system, the dentist/patient contract is ongoing, and therefore all forms of treatment must be offered on a continuing basis. This, in theory, is good for patients, but if the fees are inadequate (the already ludicrously low fee for a bridge has been reduced by £23) and the dental technicians are unable to increase their charges, then something has to go. I fear this will be standards.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BINDER,
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Muswell Hill, N10.

Plimsoll line

From Mrs M. Evans

Sir, Recently I have come across a further endangered species. I refer to the genus "plain old-fashioned black lace-up plimsolls, gents, size nine" as opposed to the species "trainers" which has apparently completely ousted them.

Yours faithfully,
M. EVANS,
19 Starmead Drive,
Wokingham, Berkshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 20: The Duke of York, Colonel-in-Chief, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) today opened the new T & AVR Centre, Coltman House, in Burton upon Trent.

His Royal Highness was received by Colonel F. Walter James (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Staffordshire).

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

The Duchess of York left Heathrow Airport, London today for New York, United States of America.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 20: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, carried out engagements today in Tayside and Fife.

His Royal Highness visited Kirkton High School and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Dundee (Mr Thomas Mitchell, the Lord Provost).

The Prince Edward then visited the City Square and Caird Hall and was entertained to lunch by the City and Regional Council Officials, Dundee.

In the afternoon His Royal Highness visited Falkland Palace and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Fife (The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine).

The Prince Edward viewed Award Scheme youth activities and met Regional Development Officers.

In the evening His Royal Highness attended a Reception at Arthur Bell Distillers, Perth and attended a Gala Musical Performance in the Perth Theatre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Perth and Kinross (Major David Butter).

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 20: The Princess Royal arrived at Gatwick Airport, London this morning from Jamaica.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 20: The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended a luncheon for Royal Ulster Constabulary Widows at Holkham Hall, Holkham, Norfolk and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

Mrs David Napier was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 21: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this morning at a Service at Little St Mary's Church, Cambridge, in connection with the celebration of the 850th anniversary of the Parish.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Gloucester will visit Coca-Cola and Schweppes, Kenmore Road, Wakefield, at 10.30; the Yorkshire Mining Museum at Caphouse Colliery, New Road, Overton, at 11.45; and Brecon Hall in Yorkshire Sculpture Park, Wakefield, at 2.30.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the Leukaemia Research Fund, will accompany Mr Ian Botham from Holbeach, Lincolnshire, at 9.45 as part of the East Coast Walk.

Birthdays today

Lord Birkett, 61; Colonel J.N. Blashford-Snell, explorer, 54; Lord Burnham, 70; Mr L.R. Carus, former principal, Birmingham School of Music, 63; Mrs B.D. Craig, former principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 75; Miss Catherine Deneuve, actress, 47; Professor Charlotte Erickson, American historian, 67; Mr John Field, ballet director, 69; Major-General Lord Michael Fitzalan Howard, Gold Stick to The Queen, 74; Miss Joan Fontaine, actress, 73; Lady (Michael) Fox, former director, British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 62; Mr Mike Hendrick, cricketer, 42; Miss Irene Hindmarsh, former principal, St Aidan's College, Durham, 67; Mr Derek Jacobi, actor, 52; Mrs Doris Lessing, author, 71; Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, QC, 75; Mr Donald McIntyre, opera singer, 56; Mr Kelvin MacKenzie, editor, *The Sun*, 44; Mr James Sharples, chief constable, Merseyside, 47; Mr Michael Stoute, racehorse trainer, 45; Vice-Admiral Sir FitzRoy Talbot, 81; Mr A.R. Thatcher, former Registrar General for England and Wales, 64; Admiral Sir David Williams, former governor, Gibraltar, 69; Professor D.G.T. Williams, vice-chancellor, Cambridge University, 60; Professor John Wing, psychiatrist, 67; Sir Hugh Wontner, hotelier, 82.

BIRTHS: Franz Liszt, composer, Raiding, Hungary, 1811; Sarah Bernhardt, actress, Paris, 1844; Ivan Bunin, poet and novelist, Voronezh, Russia, 1870.

DEATHS: Sir Cloudesley Shovell, admiral of the fleet, drowned off the Isles of Scilly, 1707; Samuel Arnold, composer, London, 1802; Thomas Sheraton, cabinet maker, London, 1806; Henry Richard Fox, 3rd Baron Holland, politician and writer, London, 1840; Louis Spohr, composer, Kassel, Germany, 1859; Sir Ronald Murchison, geologist, London, 1871; Mayne Reid, novelist, Ross, Herts, 1883.

Caledonian Club

Sir Malcolm Innes of Edingight, Lord Lyon King of Arms, was present on Saturday at the New Club, Edinburgh, when the Caledonian Club of London was presented with a Grant of Arms. Mr Charles J. Burnett, Ross Herald of Arms, presented Letters Patent to Lord Ramsay, president.

Dinners

Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters
The Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters (CILA) held their annual dinner on October 19, at the London Hilton on Park Lane. Mr Neil Kelly, President of the Institute, presided and the principal guests were the Right Hon the Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, and Tony Ball, MBE.

Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce
Mr E.C. Ray, Chairman of the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce, presided at the annual dinner of the Milton Keynes Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, October 18. Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, was guest of honour and speaker.

HAND
Sir Peter Hope was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of HAND (Helping Africa' End Disease) held at The Law Society's Hall on Thursday, October 18. Mr Philip Noel, chairman, presided. Among those present were:

Sir James Scott and Lady Scott (president), Mr Barry Theobald-Hicks, (vice chairman) and Mrs Anna Hodson-Pressinger, Lord Craigmyle, (president, British Association, SHOMI) and Lady Craigmyle, Lady Hope, Lady Hambledon, the Hon Dominic Elliot, Mr Timothy and Lady Celestria Hales, Mr Peregrine Bertie, Father Nolan, Mr Julian Allason, Don Victor De Baux, Mr Gerrard and the Hon Mrs Noel, Mr Jonathan Bolton, Dignam of Triermaine, the Hon Adam MacMillan and Miss Barbara Brockelbank.

Carbon dating service starts

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S first private enterprise radio-carbon dating laboratory has been opened in a private house in Oxfordshire.

The laboratory, which aims to process over 300 dates a year, has been established by Dr Bob Otlet, former director of the Harwell radio-carbon dating service, and Jill Walker, who worked with him.

The Harwell centre is one of the largest in the country, operated by the Atomic Energy Research Establishment and carrying out most of the dating for English Heritage, among other organisations.

Dr Otlet said: "Harwell decided to discontinue archaeological radio-carbon dating, and I decided to begin a private service which would not clash with my official responsibilities."

He then opted to go it alone completely, taking early retirement and setting up in Harwell village, almost within sight of his former base. He hopes to move to bigger premises soon.

The new dating laboratory, known simply as Radiocarbon Dating, has its main instruments housed in a casing "about the size of a chest freezer", Dr Otlet said

Although only conventional dating of samples between 1 and 5 grams can be done on the spot, Dr Otlet has made arrangements with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in New Zealand to carry out accelerator (AMS) dating of samples the size of a matchhead.

Nature notes

THE most noticeable birds in the woods now are the mixed flocks of titmice, especially where the leaves are off the trees. After blue and grey tits, the most numerous are the coal tits. They are also the noisiest, constantly whispering, or bursting into sharp whistles and twitters; when they hang backwards on a twig, the bald-looking patch on the back of their heads can be clearly seen. Long-tail tits flit behind one another from tree to tree like miniature magpies. Marsh tits often remain in their summer territories, but join up with the flock as it passes through. The flocks do a wide circuit through the woods, but regularly repass the same points.

Dogwood leaves are purple; old service leaves are chalky orange. Maple leaves are yellow, scarlet and crimson. Most trees have fruited very heavily this year. Slender hawthorn boughs are bending under the weight of red berries; wild roses are aflame with bright orange hips. Sweet chestnut fruit is falling, and can be quickly hurled in the long yellow-brown leaves beneath the tree: the prickly husks often contain only one fat nut and two abortive shells.

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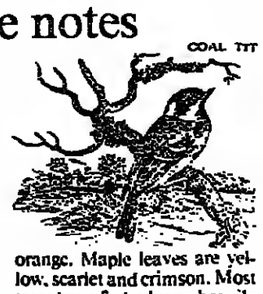

OBITUARIES

JOEL McCREA

Joel McCrea, the American film actor, died on October 20 aged 84. He was born on November 5, 1905.

TALL, rugged and good looking, with a thoughtful, slow-talking style, Joel McCrea made more than 80 films and was particularly suited to the Western, in which he usually played the placid and dependable hero doing his job with the minimum of fuss. But some of his best performances came in other genres, such as the sharp-edged comedies of Preston Sturges, and if he was not quite in the front rank of Hollywood stars he was thoroughly professional and widely popular.

He was born in Pasadena, California, the grandson of a stagecoach driver, and as a boy got a taste for his later Western roles by working on a ranch. He was educated at Pomona State College and gained his first acting experience in amateur and community productions. He entered films as an extra during the 1920s, getting his first important part in *The Jazz Age* in 1929.

He emerged as a reliable leading man in a wide range of films, from romantic dramas to comedies and adventure stories. Early successes were George Cukor's gold-digger comedy *Girls about Town*, a South Seas adventure *Bird of Paradise*, and a horror melodrama *The Most Dangerous Game*. He starred with Edward G. Robinson in *Barbary Coast*, and was the honest, idealistic hero of the gangster film *Dead End*.

His first Western was *Wells Fargo* in 1937 and two years later he and Barbara Stanwyck headed the cast of Cecil B. de Mille's epic of railroad building, *Union Pacific*. His best period was in the early 1940s, starting with Hitchcock's *Foreign Correspondent*, in which he was a reporter trying to smash a Nazi spy ring, and *Sullivan's Travels*, directed by Preston Sturges, a satirical piece about a film director (played by McCrea) who painfully discovers that audiences prefer vacuous comedies to social realism.

He made two more films for Sturges, losing his wife (Claudette Colbert) in *The Palm Beach Story* to the Florida millionaires and playing the Boston dentist who pioneered the use of anaesthetics in *The Great Moment*. He was reunited with Barbara Stanwyck in the family drama, *A Great Man's Lady*, and teamed memorably with Jean Arthur in George Stevens's romantic comedy, *The More the Merrier*.

In 1944 he returned to Westerns, playing the name part in William Wellman's *Buffalo Bill*, and from then onwards he rarely did anything else. Most of them were formula films of no great distinction and his attempt in a remake of *The Virginian* to take on a role made famous by Gary Cooper fell disappointingly flat. But there were exceptions, such as *Four Faces West* and *Colorado Territory* (in both of which McCrea, usually on the side of the law, played villains) and *Wichita* (in which he was Wyatt Earp).

His finest Western, and his best Western performance, came late in his career when he and another Western veteran, Randolph Scott, were called out of retirement by the director Sam Peckinpah for *Guns in the Afternoon*. In a mellow and moving film, they played two old lawmen undertaking their final commission in a West that was passing them by.

After this McCrea went back into retirement to his first love, ranching, and enjoying the considerable wealth he had accrued by shrewd investments in land and livestock. But he made two further screen appearances in the 1970s, one of them with Jody, the eldest of his three sons, who had followed him as a film actor. Then he headed back to his giant ranch, surrounded by 25 miles of barbed wire, near Camarillo 30 miles north of Los Angeles.

McCrea married Frances Dee, the actress, in 1933.

RENAUD DE LA GENIÈRE

Renaud de la Genière, chairman of the Compagnie Financière de Suez, one of Europe's biggest holding companies, and former Governor of the Bank of France, died of cancer in Paris on October 16 aged 65. He was born on February 9, 1925.

A TYPICAL product of the French Protestant elite, Renaud de la Genière was admired not only for his intellectual prowess and impartial service to governments of both the left and the right, but also for his moral rigour, his independence of mind, and his reserved gentlemanly manners. President Mitterrand hailed him as a "great servant of the public interest".

Born in Le Mans into a family of surgeons, he himself decided to study law and then politics and economics in Paris, before joining in 1948 the newly-established École Nationale d'Administration, the elite post-graduate institution for training France's high-flying civil servants, graduating among the very top. For the next quarter of a century, his career was all plain sailing. After two years in the *Cabinet* of General de Gaulle's first finance minister, Antoine Pinay, he was appointed deputy director of the budget in 1960, before becoming director in 1966 at the age of 41. During his eight years in this key post, he gained a reputation as a passionate and imperturbable monetarist, who did not hesitate to rap "spendthrift" government ministers, including his own finance minister, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, over the knuckles when he saw fit.

However, this did not prevent his being appointed deputy director of the Bank of France after Giscard's election as president in 1974, or his being promoted to governor in 1979.

When the socialists came to power in 1981, with their programme of massive increases in government spending, he continued to preach the need for economic rigour, much to the fury of some of the more diehard socialists. But his cool head and loyal support were greatly appreciated by Jacques Delors, the finance minister, in those early difficult years of socialist rule, which saw the devaluation of the franc three times in the space of 18 months. It was one of de la Genière's greatest disappointments that Delors's successor, Pierre Bérégovoy, decided not to renew his appointment as governor of the Bank of France when his five year mandate came to an end in 1984.

His appointment two years later by the new right wing government as chairman of the state-owned Compagnie Financière de Suez, raised eyebrows. His experience as a central banker was not deemed suitable for the head of the big investment banking, insurance and industrial conglomerate.

He nevertheless confounded his critics by first steering the company through a successful privatisation on the eve of the stock market crash in October 1987, and then masterminding two equally successful fierce battles first for control of the Société Générale de Belgique, the Belgian industrial conglomerate, in 1988, and then for the takeover of Victoire, the big insurance group, in 1989.

At the same time, he continued to fight his own personal battle against the disease which first attacked him in 1977 and to which he finally succumbed last Tuesday, just four days after having resigned his chairmanship.

On his 65th birthday last February, his mandate had been renewed for a further year, with the possibility of extending this until the age of 70. But he had preferred to hand over the reins rather than serve with diminished capacities.

DANY CHAMOUN

Dany Chamoun, a politician who sought a peaceful solution to the violent confrontation in the Lebanon, was assassinated at the age of 56 with his wife and two sons in Christian East Beirut yesterday.

DANY Chamoun was the son of the late President Camille Chamoun and came from one of the last of Lebanon's powerful feudal families. He backed General Michel Aoun's crusades to try and drive Syria's 40,000 troops from Lebanon and crush the rival Lebanese Forces militia.

A Maronite Christian, Chamoun stood as a presidential candidate in 1988 before Aoun was appointed interim prime minister by the outgoing President Amin Gemayel after attempts at an election failed to reach a quorum. Chamoun was chairman of the National Liberal Party and head of a coalition of political parties which supported Aoun.

After Aoun was toppled eight days before in a Syrian-led attack by forces loyal to President Elias Hrawi, Chamoun said he feared the collapse of "law and order" in the vacuum left by the destruction of the general's army.

He said in 1987: "Look, there's only one way this thing has to be finished and that is by international action. If there is none, then bombs are going to go on exploding in London or Berlin or Madrid." In 1988, he rejected the presence of foreign troops and any armed Palestinian presence in Lebanon. He was also against the partition of the country.

A generation before in the Lebanese civil war, Chamoun led a Christian militia called the "Tigers" which were eventually crushed. He was in danger before. In 1980, gunmen attacked his house during a campaign to defeat his Tigers militia supporters in East Beirut. The Tigers were quelled and hundreds of people killed in the power struggle, leaving the Lebanese forces the only Christian militia in the enclave. The Phalangist radio reported he was slightly injured when an argument at a political meeting of the National Liberal Party turned into a gunfight.

The image that Chamoun retained, despite his defeat by the LF, was that of an upper class playboy who had turned defender of his people. He loved fine wines and hunting and sent his father's million dollar collection of shotguns to Western embassies for safekeeping.

Though he had close links with Aoun, Chamoun was a pragmatist and contacted Hrawi's government in a gesture of reconciliation following the toppling of Aoun. He was to the last pursuing his aim of creating a united Lebanon where the rule of law would replace the bloody confrontation of the 15 years' civil war. Indeed there was a theory yesterday that he might have been killed for making his overture to Hrawi.

His father called US Marines into Beirut in 1958 to crush a Muslim revolt and Chamoun inherited a respect for the West; and he recalled playing rugby as a student for Loughborough University.

JOCELYN HILL

Richard Charles Jocelyn Hill, an orthopaedic surgeon with an international reputation, has died just short of his 80th birthday, at Comox, British Columbia. He was born in South Africa on October 13, 1910.

JOCE Hill, the son of a Scottish schoolmaster, went to Edinburgh university for which he boxed and played rugby before qualifying in medicine in 1937. After postgraduate work he gained his fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Away from work his great love was the sea and having joined the RNVR he was in the navy from the beginning of the war. He served in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean and was in HMS *Resolution* when under attack off Dakar by the Vichy-French. Later he served in India.

After the war Hill set up practice in Durban, and in the late 1950s he was elected president of the South African Orthopaedic Association. In 1961, feeling the political situation in South Africa could interfere with his work and that England was a better place for his children's education, he came back and joined the National Health Service, originally in Lancashire.

In 1965 he was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon and director of accident services in Leicester, where a new purpose-built casualty department at the Royal Infirmary had just been finished.

After retirement he lived quietly in the Leicestershire countryside, but the winters were too hard for his health, and in 1987 he moved to Comox (the Happy Valley of the Red Indian) on Vancouver Island, to live next door to his son, an orthopaedic surgeon there.

He is survived by his wife, their daughter and son, and by a daughter of a previous marriage.

Marriages

Mr R.C.L. Eley and Miss S.C. Gurney
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 20, at St Mary's Church, Stratford St Mary, Suffolk, between Mr Rupert Eley and Miss Sara Gurney. The Rev Michael Hamilton-Sharp and the Rev John Druce officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Juliet Fraser, Sophie Terry, Georgina Reid, Henry Reid and Archie Montagu-Polleck. Mr Hugh Tidbury was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr N.C.B. Gill and Miss J.M.S. Robertson
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 20, at St Laurence's, Weston Underwood, of Mr Nicholas (Sam) Gill, younger son of Mr Arthur Gill, of Llanfihangel Crucorney, Gwent, and Mrs Anne Ferris, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Miss Jane Robertson, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Robertson, of Weston Underwood, Buckinghamshire. The Rev Stephen Weston officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Jessica, Annabell and Olivia Allen and Tatiana Denehy. Mr David Royds was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr V.G.S. Heinz and Miss S.M.A. Tancibudek
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 29, 1990, at All Saints' Church, Wolton Underwood, Buckinghamshire, of Mr Volker Gustav Stefan Heinz, elder son of the late Mr Georg Heinz and Mrs Heinz, of Heddesheim, Baden, Germany, and Miss Sandra Mary Ann Tancibudek, younger daughter of Mr Jiri Tancibudek, OAM, and Mrs Tancibudek, of Adelaide, South Australia. The Rev Colin Jee officiated.

The bride was given away by her father and was attended by Miss Sarah Christ and Mr Raphael Christ. Mr Dieter G. Lange was best man and the lesson was read by Mr Martin Evans and Mr Horst Wagner.

The reception was held at Wolton House and The Clock Pavilion, Wolton Underwood, Buckinghamshire, and the honeymoon was spent in Venice.

Mr J-F. Morcom-Harneis and Miss M-H. Hamon
The marriage took place on Saturday, August 24, in Hong Kong, between Lieutenant Julien Morcom-Harneis, 6th Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles, and Miss Marie-Helene Hamon.

Mr G.H.G. Threlfall and Mrs G.M.M. Vacher
The marriage took place quietly on October 20, between Gerald Threlfall and Jill Vacher. The honeymoon is in Malaya.

Church news

The Rev Peter Hart, assistant curate, Yatton Moor, diocese Bath and Wells, to be vicar, Holy Trinity, Bridgwater, same diocese.

The Rev Robin Harvey, rurale, Keynsham, diocese Bath and Wells, to be rector, East Hagbourne w West Hagbourne and Hinton Blewett, same diocese.

The Rev Graham Hedger, team vicar, Mildenhall, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be rector, Swanton Morley and Newton Flotman, and officer for Evangelism, diocese Norwich.

The Rev Geoffrey Lawes, non stipendiary minister at the delivery of Jarrow, diocese Durham, to be vicar, Colliery w Annfield Plain united benefice, same diocese.

The Rev John Lidgewood, vicar, St John the Baptist, Werrington, diocese Peterborough, to be vicar, Christ Church w St John and St Saviour, Highbury Grove, diocese London.

The Rev Nicholas J Moule, vicar, Ashton Keynes, Leigh and Minety, diocese Bristol, to be rector, St John the Baptist and St Andrew, Swindon, same diocese.

The Rev John K Moore, honorary assistant curate, Guildford Holy Trinity and St Mark, diocese Guildford, to be also chaplain (part time non-stipendiary ministry), same diocese.

The Rev Edward Redhead, vicar, Bromfield, Waverton and Westnewton, diocese Carlisle: to be vicar, Harrington, same diocese.

The Rev John K Robinson, area secretary in East Anglia for USPG and honorary minor canon of St Edmundsbury Cathedral, diocese St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to be chaplain of the Greater Lisbon chaplaincy, Portugal, diocese Europe.

The Rev Rod Thatcher, curate, Bridgwater St Mary, diocese Bath and Wells, to be also part time chaplain at Blake Hospital, Bridgwater, same diocese.

The Rev Stuart G Thomas, assistant curate, Guildford Holy Trinity and St Mary, diocese Guildford, to be vicar, Church, St John the Evangelist, same diocese.

Retirements and resignations
The Rev Keith R Plaister, vicar, Great Wakering w Foulness, diocese Chelmsford: to retain as from December 31.

The Rev Herbert Simpson, non stipendiary minister licensed to St John's, Barrow, diocese of Carlisle: to retire as from 31 October.

The Rev Canon John A Thurmer, Chancellor and Canon Residentiary of Exeter Cathedral, diocese Exeter, to retire as from January 31 1991.

The Rev Prof Dr Eric Tinkler, Senior Anglican Chaplain to Universities and Polytechnics in London, retired as from September 30.

Memorial service

Miss Elizabeth Harwood
A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Miss Elizabeth Harwood (Mrs Julian Royle) was held on Friday at St Paul's, Covent Garden. The Very Rev David Elliott officiated, assisted by the Rev Montague Knott. Mr Nicholas Royle, son, read the lesson. Dame Janet Baker read from the works of William Penn and Mr John Hannam, MP, from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland. Sir Charles Mackerras paid tribute.

Members of the Royal Opera House Orchestra, conducted by Sir Charles Mackerras, played J S Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No 3 (BWV1048)*; the orchestra, Mr John Brown, violin, and Mr John Brearley, viola, played the *Second Movement* of Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante (K364)*; Miss Moura Lympany, piano, played Chopin preludes and the Chorus of the Royal Opera, conducted by Mr Robin Stapleton, and accompanied by the orchestra, sang Mozart's *Ave Verum Corpus* (K618). Among those present were:

Mr Julian Royle (husband), Mrs Constance Harwood (mother), Mr and Mrs Michael Harwood (brother and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Jeremy Royle (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr Mark Harwood, Mrs Kathleen Reid, Mr and Mrs Simon Royle, Mr and Mrs James Squire, Miss Margaret Read, Elizabeth Read, Victoria Read, Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Read, Mr and Mrs David Royle, Mrs I Royle, Mr and Mrs Richard Royle, Miss Samantha Royle, Mrs Carol Howarth, Mr and Mrs O R Kenton, Mr and Mrs Roy Tyldesley, Miss Polly Grant.

The Duchess of Buccleuch, Lord St John of Fawsley, Sir Hugo and Lady Huntington-Whiteley, Sir Henry and Lady Warner, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Kemball, Lady Mackerras, Sir Terence and Lady Beckett, Sir Gerald Evans, Sir Simon Hornby, Lady Beaumont, Lady (Ernest) Martin, Sir John and Lady Carter.

Mr Jeremy Isaacs (general director, Royal Opera House, Covent Garden) with Mr B Gay (orchestra director) and Miss Felicity Clark (Royal Opera House Trust); Miss Elaine Howarth (English National Opera Chorus), Mrs Martin Nepp (Glyndebourne Festival Opera), Mr Hugh Lloyd (National Opera Studio), Miss Wendy Eathorne (head of vocal studies, Trinity College of Music), Mr Joseph Ward (head of vocal studies, Royal Northern College of Music), Mr Alfred C Stiff and Mr Mark Hildrew (bibs and Tillett), Mr Keith Grant (chairman, English Music Theatre), Mr B Hobbs (Stenfield Operatic Society), Mr W Down (Chelmsford Opera Group), Mr Michael Seymour and Mrs Seymour (chairman, Brentwood Arts Council), Mr Graham Sharpless (Ditchling Choral Society).

Mr Sidney Wynne (director, W R Royle Group) and Mrs Wynne, Mr and Mrs L M Gibbon (representing the organiser, Alec Redshaw Memorial competition), Mr James Wellman and Mr David Swift (The Theatre Room, Bretforton, Worcestershire), Mr Callum Ross (Young Artists Platform), Mr Adrian Edwards (BBC South and East) and Mrs Edwards, Mr Alan Blyth (*Opera* magazine) and Mrs Blyth, Mr Edwin Buckhalter (chairman, Severn House Publishers), Dr and Mrs David Trapnell (Society for Wildlife Art of the Nations), Mr John Bowman (Essex Red Cross) and Mrs Bowman, Miss Phyllis Cunningham and Mr Jeremy Ward (Royal Marsden Hospital), Mr Paul Walker (Muscular Dystrophy Group), Mr and Mrs Peter Cottille (Uppingham School, Leicestershire).

Mr Rjeland Davies and Miss Debbie Rees, Miss Teresa Cahill, Mr Alberto Remedios, Mr Stuart Burrows, Mr Mark Burrows, Mr Keith Shelley, Mr Evan Stone, QC, and Mrs Stone, Mr F Fairweather, Mr and Mrs Ken Fraser, Mr Thomas Allen, Mrs David Tatham, Mr Robert Lloyd, Mr Norman Ayrton, Mr Michael Langdon, Professor and Mrs Brian Trowell, Mrs David Shepherd, Mrs George Martin, Mr John Cowley, Mr and Mrs Allan Arthur, Mr and Mrs Michael Daly, Mr Roger Vignoles, Mr John Harman, Mr Thomas Hemsley, Mr Kenneth Richardson, Mr and Mrs Julius Neave, Mr Michael Kennedy, Mr Joseph Ward and Mr John Chadwyck-Healey.

Appointments in Forces

Royal Navy
COMMANDER: H M Humphreys – Office of DA Nassau 29.1.91; A J Hunt – SHAPE Belgium 18.4.91; C Hunt – NP 1032 19.3.91; P M Jones – SA Lisbon 18.1.91; P A C Lockwood – Office of SA Paris 8.1.91; D V P McClintock – Norfolk 19.4.91; A Munns – MOD London 9.4.91; J B A Masters – Staff of CINCNAVHOME 12.2.91; O D Noble – Drake 12.3.91; D O Widgery – Staff of CINCFLEET 19.4.91; P Woddings – York 19.4.91.

SURGEON COMMANDER: W D Bissel – Dryad 1.11.90; H M I Edsell – Dolphin 23.10.90; O J Rose – St Vincent 6.11.90.

Retirements
REAR ADMIRAL: H M Balfour – 5.1.91.

CAPTAIN: R G Bridgeman – 7.1.91; R H Farmfield – 8.1.91; J A P Fuery – 7.1.91; C A B Nixon-Eckersall – 7.1.91.

COMMANDER: K J Frith – 8.12.90; H G Harley – 16.12.90; B Jones – 16.12.90.

SURGEON COMMANDER: A P D'E Meredith – 3.12.90; M O Simmons – 4.12.90.

The Army
COLONELS: D M G Charles – To be VP RCB. 22.10.90; M P B G Wilson – To be Dir DG Mil Svy. 22.10.90.

LIEUTENANT COLONELS: J R Anderson 5 INNIS DG – CI TAC Sch RAC Centre, 22.10.90; E H Houstoun GREN GDS – To Battle Gp TAC Trainer (North), 22.10.90; C M Johns QUEENS – To HQ UKLF, 22.10.90; S J H Lloyd IG – To HQ LONDIST, 22.10.90; B F Owen RAOC – To be CO Ord Svcs Wiesen, 22.10.90; J S Simmonds RAEC – To Army Ed Svcs UK, 22.10.90.

Retirements
BRIGADIER: P Forshaw Late RAOC, 29.10.90; H B De Fonblanque Late RA, 27.10.90.

COLONEL: R H Dickinson Late RAOC, 24.10.90; R D C Stevens Late REME, 29.10.90.

Honorary Appointment
Brigadier Michael Hamilton Carey Late REME is appointed Aide de Camp to The Queen 24 August 1990 in succession to Brigadier Michael Thomas Austin Lord retired.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAIN: J A F Ford – To RAF Lossiemouth as Stn Cdr; G J Woodley – To NAMMA Munich; P R Hawksworth – To MOD AFD; G C Smith – To HQ RAFSC.

WING COMMANDER: B J Simon – To HQRAFG; J Bristow – To HQ AAFCE Ramstein; J A Evans – To HQ STC; M J Webb – To HQ STC; R J G Rymarz – To HQ STC; C R D Dickens – To HQ SE DIST Aldershot; S G Dorward – To RAF Bentley Priory; A J Lockwood – To RAF Coningsby.

University news

Lancaster University
Grants include:

Chemistry: Drs O J Hourston, T N Huckerby and Professor J Soular (polymer centre) £140,000 from SERC for funding towards purchase of medium-field spectrometer.

Engineering: Dr D A Bramley, Mr D Dawson and Professor M J Fretwell, £718,266 from SERC for work in Engineering Design Centre.

Institute of Environmental and Biological Sciences: Drs N Hewitt, P Lucas and Professor T A Mansfield – £100,000 from NERC DOE for study of impact of reactive hydrocarbons on plants.

Linguistics and Computing: Professor G N Leech and Dr R G Garside – £249,609 from Serc for work on Oxford Corpus.

Appointments

The following to be members of the Nature Conservancy Council for England (if the Environmental Protection Bill becomes law):

Dr Peter Banham, Ms Janet Barber, Professor Janet Kear, Earl Peel, Dr Duncan Shaw, Mr Alan Swindall, Mr James Teacher, Mr Mark Thomasin-Foster, Dr Michael Usher. Mr Lindsay Waddell. The Earl of Cranbrook will be chairman, as already announced.

Service dinners

HMS Victory
Admiral Sir Jeremy Black, Commander-in-Chief, Naval Home Command, presided and proposed the toast to Lord Nelson's "immortal memory" at a Trafalgar night dinner held on Saturday on board his flagship, HMS Victory. The guests included:

The Earl and Countess of Bessborough, Lord and Lady Weinstock, Sir Leslie and Lady Fielding, Sir Derrick Holden-Brown, Sir David and Lady Nicholas, the Chairman of Hampshire County Council and Mrs Jones, Miss H Holden-Brown, Mr and Mrs Peter Pollock, Vice-Admiral Paul Ilg, USN, and Mrs Ilg, Rear Admiral and Mrs Jonathan Tod and Brigadier and Mrs Robin Duchesne.

Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Services)
The annual reunion dinner of the Officers of the Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Services) was held on Saturday, October 20, 1990, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand. The principal guests included Sir Bryan Nicholson, Chairman of the Post Office, and Major-General G.W. Field, OBE, Director-General Logistic Policy (Army). The overseas guests were Colonel Chris L. Jefferies, Commander US Defense Courier Service, and Lieutenant-Colonel G.A. McDermit, Director Canadian Forces Postal Service. Brigadier R.J.N. Kelly, OBE, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.H. Astor and Miss D.M. Murray
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of the Hon Hugh and Mrs Astor, of Sulhamstead, Berkshire, and Diana, daughter of the late Dr Louis Murray and of Mrs Louis Murray, of Johannesburg, South Africa.

Mr T. Beuzard and Miss K.L. Edwards
The engagement is announced between Thibaud, son of M and Mme Christian Beuzard, of Nice and Paris, and Kathy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Denis Edwards, of Ealing, London.

Mr R.P.M. Finet and Miss D.B. Morcom-Harneis
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BIRTHS

ARCHDEACON - On October 11th to Helen (née Almond) and Richard, a daughter, Victoria Anne.

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GALGUT - On October 5th to Pia and Robert, a son, Thomas Richard. A first grandchild to Jonna and Michael and second grandson to Marjorie and Paul.

GUNN-TAYLOR - On October 14th at Bath to Catherine (née Millar-Smith) and Jeremy, twin daughters Sabrina Claire and Jessica Louise, sisters for Jonathan.

HODGES - On October 18th to Deborah (née Palmer) and Nigel, a son, Rory, a brother for Sophie and Matthew.

HOOLEY - On October 17th at The Christiana Hartley Maternity Hospital in Southport, to Elizabeth (née Tribe) and Richard, a son, Alexander James Antony.

MARTIN - On October 18th at Cuckfield Hospital, to Fiona (née Greenwood) and Charlie, a son, Michael.

O'HALLORAN - On October 7th at St Thomas's hospital to Sarah (née Vaughan Jones) and Julian, a daughter, Harriet Amy.

PATTERSON - On October 18th at the Portland Hospital to Nuru and Neil, a daughter, Syanne Alexandra.

PRAGER - On October 15th, at the Portland Hospital, to Berthe Latreille and Timothy Prager, a daughter, Latreille Gabrielle Mary.

PUGH - On October 19th at the Portland Hospital, to Rachel (née Inglis) and Les, a daughter, Lucy Margaret, a sister for Abbie and Becky.

PULMAN - On October 15th to Elizabeth (née Cross) and William a daughter, Catherine Olivia.

ROBSON - On October 19th, at the Portland Hospital, to Rachel Ward Lewis and Gordon, a son, William Jamie.

SYKES - On 15th October at St.James' University Hospital, Leeds, to Anne (née Lloyd) and Nigel, a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth, a sister for Catherine.

MARRIAGES

ROYAL:ROXBOROUGH - The marriage took place on 13th October at Monflanquin in France, of Grahame Royal and Catriona Roxborough of Adderbury, Oxfordshire.

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DEATHS

ALLAN-SMITH See Brakes

BRAKES - On October 18th, peacefully in hospital, Joyce, much loved by the late Neville, by Wendy, Penny and Dick, by the late Tony and by all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral on Thursday October 25th at Putney Vale Crematorium at 2.15pm. Family flowers only but donations to The Royal Hospital and Home, Putney SW15.

CHAMBERLAIN - On 18th October, William Edwin Charles (Bill) Chamberlain, C.Eng., F.I.C.E., aged 89 years, greatly loved and loving husband of Sally (Thelma), father of Yvonne (Butler), father-in-law of Dick, grandad of Mary and Sarah. Much loved and respected by all who knew him. Funeral service at Portchester Crematorium at 12 noon on Thursday, 25 October. Family flowers only please. Donations in Asquith-Leeson Heart-Lung unit, St Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

CLARIDGE - On October 18th 1990, peacefully after a long illness very bravely borne, Joan Elizabeth aged 81 years, beloved wife of the late Jack Claridge, dearly loved mother of Liz and grandmother of Lucy. Her vitality humour and courage will long be remembered by all who knew her. Funeral service at Eastbourne Crematorium on Thursday 25th October at 1pm. No flowers please by her request, but donations if desired to Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund, Room 7, Anchor House, 15/19 Britten Street, London SW3 3TZ.

CROFT - On October 16th Dr Charles Julian (Ben), dearly loved father of Richard, Rachel, Alexander, Caroline and Martin. Cremation at 12 noon Friday 26th October at Blackshore Road, Tooting. Family flowers only but donations in his memory to MENCAP, 69 Old Street London EC1.

CURRY - On October 17th suddenly in London, Graham Stuart Curry aged 60 years. Funeral service at Chesterfield crematorium on Wednesday October 24th at 2.00pm.

DALGARNO - On October 17th, after a short illness, at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Helen Ruth, late of Learmonth Court, youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs Dalgarno of Aberdeen. Service in Dean Parish Church on Tuesday October 23rd at 10am. Interment thereafter at Allenvale Cemetery, Aberdeen at 2pm for relatives and close friends.

DOBBS - On October 16th 1990 in the Isle of Man after an illness bravely borne Eric William, aged 76. Dearly loved husband of Dora and father of David, Peter, Michael and Linda, a loved stepfather, father-in-law and grandfather. Donations, if so desired, to St. Bridget's Hospice, c/o The Administrator, St Bridget's Hospice, Kensington Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

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KROYER - On October 18th, peacefully at home, Michael, sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service at Mortlake Crematorium at 12.30 on October 25th. Flowers to Kenyon & Co 49, Marloes Road, Kensington W8.

LEA - On October 17th 1990, Sir (Thomas) Julian Lea Bt. Funeral private. Service of Thanksgiving for his life on October 28th, at All Saint's Church, Hundon, Suffolk, at 2.30pm. Flowers or donations for St. Nicholas Hospice, Bury St. Edmunds or Clare Surgery Equipment Fund to Martin & Sons, Clare, Suffolk, please.

LOCKSPEISER - On October 18th peacefully at home with his family, Ben KCB, FRS. All friends welcome to the service at Bracknell Crematorium, October 25th at 11.30am. No Memorial Service or flowers but anyone wishing to, please donate to the Fund for Scientific Research Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge.

MARTIN - On October 19th 1990, peacefully at Came, Nigel Damer, aged 70. Much loved husband, father and grandpa. Funeral private. Memorial service at Milton Abbey on Friday October 26th at 2.30pm. No letters please.

NES - Kathleen Garnham, on 19th October 1990 tragically in a car accident near her home in America.

PROSSER - On October 17th, peacefully in Reigate, Ruth Avalon Moore. Service at St. Mark's church, Reigate, Thursday October 25th, 2PM.

THOMAS - On 16th October 1990 Walter Alfred (the actor Wally Thomas) after an illness. Much loved.

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HERBERT - Service of Thanksgiving for the life of S. Mervyn Herbert will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday 21st November at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4.

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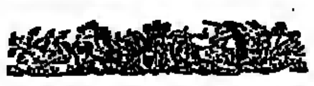

The Victorian era saw the rise of the soap box orator, and of Hyde Park as the most popular place to hear him. In 1872, meetings there were sanctioned by the authorities and, since then, Speakers' Corner at Marble Arch has flourished.

MEETING IN HYDE PARK

Yesterday a gathering, similar in character and object to that which took place on the previous Sunday, was held in Hyde Park. Shortly after 2 o'clock, a mere handful of people had assembled on the green sward in that part of the park between the Royal Humane Society's receiving-house and the statue of Achilles, on the north side of the Serpentine. These were mostly raw idle lads, artisans, and labouring men, forming a motley crowd, whose demeanour and appearance indicated that they cared little or nothing about the price of bread, and that they were there simply in quest of excitement and to take advantage of any incident, however trivial, that might turn up to minister to their love of fun ... It was a dull, sunless day, and for some time the whole thing was likely to turn out a complete failure: but before long, the crowd gradually began to gather some shape and significance. Two-thirds or more of them were well-dressed and well-conducted persons, including numbers of the higher classes, and here and there women with children in their arms, all of whom were present obviously from sheer curiosity, and probably not a few in spite of the sensible advice given them during the week to stay away ...

About 3 o'clock, the business of the day, such as it was, began by a man in middle life, pretty well dressed, with a beard and moustache, and his shirt collar turned down — the same, we believe, who spoke on the previous Sunday — expressing a wish to address the crowd. His desire was instantly gratified; some of his auditors called out for a ring to be made, which was done, and he proceeded to open his budget. He congratulated the company on again exercising their now-recognised privilege of meeting in "their own park", and then took from his pocket a copy of *The Times* of Tuesday last, and adopted as his text a leader in it, in which some remarks were made touching the meeting of the preceding Sunday and the anticipated assemblage of yesterday, having first asked if any reporter was present from this journal, and, if so, inviting him into the ring, to which, it is needless to say, no response was made. For about half an hour this person kept up a running comment upon the article in question, taking exception to every one of the arguments used in it, and now and then introducing into his observations a considerable amount of invective. His speech, though ostensibly directed with reference to the high price of bread, was in reality a denunciation of the aristocracy, to whom he attributed almost all the evils to which the poorer classes are subject. Assuming his audience to be wholly composed of labouring men, which they were not, he sought to flatter their vanity by telling them they were, in point of fact, the Atlas of the world, whose bones and sinews alone it was which ministered to the ease, the luxury, and the vices of the rich.

Proceeding, after this, in the direction of Marble-arch, to a spot where a crowd had collected, we found another orator holding forth in a style of rude eloquence which, both in its matter and manner, was not without its attractions to many. He was relating the history of the appropriation of land in this country.

Towards 5 o'clock, the day began to decline, and a slight drizzling rain set in, and so the crowd gradually dispersed, after holding what was rightly denominated by a working man "a Jackdaws' Parliament", in which everybody tried to talk and nobody listened, because, in point of fact, nobody had anything to say worth listening to.

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Proxies to be used at the Meeting must be lodged at the offices of Harnes Watts Insolvency Services, Stanhope House, 110 Drury Lane London WC2B 5ST the registered office of the company not later than 12.00 noon on the 2nd November 1990.

A list of names and addresses of the creditors of the company will be available for inspection by creditors at Stanhope House 110 Drury Lane London WC2B 5ST between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on the 1st and 2nd November 1990.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purposes of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the company before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it was assessed.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R.B. MATTHEWS
DIRECTOR
Dated this 12th day of October 1990

GRB Public Limited Company
(formerly Gilbey Warren (Services) Limited)
Registered Office 86/87 High Holborn, London WC1V 6DX.
Principal Trading Address: 5 Acorn Mews Bush Fair, Harlow, Essex CM18 6NA
Company Number: 1602314

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that on 11 October 1990 I, John Parry Richards, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company (Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up).

Creditors of the Company who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address under reference JPR/CRFD/MWG/2548M/JEC.

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IN THE MATTER of MERCANTILE ADVERTISING (LONDON) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986

In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the members and creditors on 11th October 1990.

DATED THIS 11TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1990
Philip Monjack, FCA,
Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co.
Chartered Accountants
P.O. Box 553 30 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LF

TWINVOGUE LIMITED
Trading as The Office Company
Registration No 2107667. Names and addresses of Joint Administrative Receivers Melvyn Julian Carter and Joan Yvonne Venvil of Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU. Date of Appointment: 4th October 1990. By Whom Appointed: Robert C Sanders Esq. Date of Instrument: Debenture dated 5th June 1989 incorporating fixed and floating charges covering all the assets and undertakings of the Company.

Dated 10th October 1990
M J Carter F C A F C C A.
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CREST CATERING EQUIPMENT LIMITED
(In administrative receivership)
Registered Number 1158382. Trading name Crest Catering Equipment Limited. Trade classification 1A. Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers 10th October 1990. Name of appointor National Westminster Bank PLC. Vivian Murray Bairstow and Neil Hamish Couper Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder nos 006318 and 006399) of Robson Rhodes 186 City Road London EC1V 2NU.

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF SATELLITE REPRO LTD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 6th November 1990 at 4 Charterhouse Square London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 18th day of October 1990
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
PHILIP WALSH
DIRECTOR

IN THE MATTER OF MERCANTILE ADVERTISING (LONDON) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 22nd day of November 1990 to send in their full forenames and surname, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned PHILIP MONJACK FCA Leonard Curtis & Co 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF the Liquidator of the said Company and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 11th day of October 1990
P. MONJACK Liquidator

KNARR SPINNING COMPANY LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Monday 29th day of October 1990 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98 Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1990
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R A BUCKLEY
DIRECTOR

Lindsay Brothers Limited
(In Administrative Receivership)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH, on the 2 day of November 1990 at 10.30 hours for the purposes mentioned in sections 48 and 49 of the said Act.

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(a) he has forwarded to the Joint Administrative Receivers Mr P R Sykes of BDO Binder Hamlyn, 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH not later than 12.00 hours on the 1 day of November 1990 details in writing of the debt that he claims to be due to him from the above named company and the claim has been duly admitted for the purpose of entitlement to vote and

(b) there has been lodged with the administrative receiver any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

P R Sykes
Joint Administrative Receiver

PERFECT HEALTH PLAN LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby 32 High Street Manchester M4 1QD on Wednesday 31st October 1990 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

Pursuant to Section 98 Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas and Mr Stephen James Wainwright of Poppleton & Appleby 32 High Street Manchester M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.

DATED THIS 16TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1990
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
N GRACE DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CHANNEL CIVILS (FORMERLY SWN LIMITED) LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON FIPA OF POPPLETON AND APPLEBY, 4 CHARTERHOUSE SQUARE, LONDON EC1M 6EN WAS APPOINTED LIQUIDATOR OF THE SAID COMPANY ON THE 14th AUGUST 1990 BY THE MEMBERS.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above-named Company are required on or before the 15 day of NOVEMBER 1990 to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON FIPA of Messrs Poppleton & Appleby 4 Charterhouse Square London, EC1 6EN the (Joint) Liquidator of the said Company and if so required by Notice in writing from the said Liquidator are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 14 day of August 1990
M R DORRINGTON FIPA
(JOINT) LIQUIDATOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
STRAIGHTGAME LIMITED

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at Remo House 310-312 Regent Street London W1R 5AJ on 7 November 1990 at 3.00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Remo House 310-312 Regent Street London W1R 5AJ between the 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 31 October 1990.

Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Remo House 310-312 Regent Street London W1R 5AJ not later than 12 noon on 1 November 1990.

Dated 8 October 1990
CRAIG LESLIE TUCK
Director

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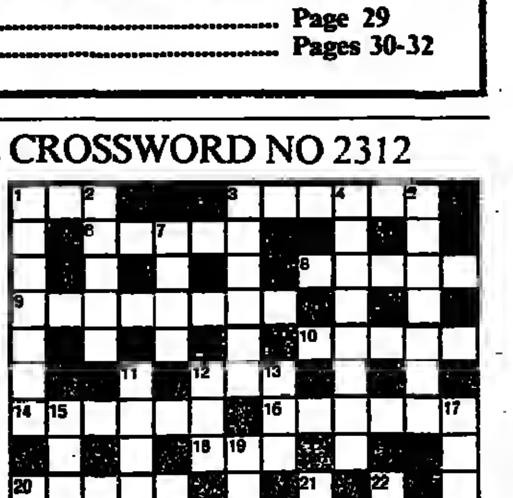

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A different class of worker

These days the British aristocracy can be found driving buses and working in delicatessens. Does this indicate their decline? Victoria McKee reports

Today a book is published entitled *The Decline and Fall of the British Aristocracy*. Tomorrow, the BBC begins a five-week series called *Working Titles*.

The book deplores — in academic, amply annotated argument — the "decline" from "leisured class to working aristocracy". The television series celebrates the work ethic of the supposedly leisured classes.

Professor David Cannadine, whose book is the culmination of ten years' work, takes to task "the heads of once great territorial families, who have now been obliged to join the salariat". He records that "Lord Brabourne makes films. Lord Lichfield is a photographer. Viscount Chilston is a film producer for the Central Office of Information. The Marquess of Queensberry is a professor of ceramics at the Royal College of Art. The Duke of Leinster runs a flying school and his heir, the Marquess of Kildare, is a landscape gardener . . ." The list goes on and is, according to Professor Cannadine, evidence of an aristocracy "more decayed and more marginalised than it ever has been".

Rosalind Gower, the producer of the BBC series, says the fact that the Earl of Bradford runs a restaurant (Porters, in Covent Garden), Lord Lichfield is a photographer and his sister, Lady Elizabeth Anson, a professional party planner, makes them all the more human. Alan Towers, the series' presenter, is consistently impressed that not all heirs give themselves airs, or consider themselves above earning an upper crust.

But there has always been a greater affinity between the "leisured" and the working classes than those in between would credit. From the earliest feudal days the children of great households were sent off to others to serve an apprenticeship as pages and maidservants, and Lord Lichfield likes to recall how he and his sister were made to shadow the servants at Shugborough, their Staffordshire family seat, until they learnt how all the jobs in the house were done, from starting the fires to polishing the small change on every dressing-table.

"It is not uncommon for the gentry to fall back on the skills they have — which are to do with running a large house and land," observes an impoverished peer's daughter who now works as housekeeper to a wealthy industrialist. "At home we had a nanny, a cook, a parlourmaid, a housemaid and an in-between maid. I know how I liked things done, and can therefore do things for others they way I would have liked them to be done for me."

This philosophy undoubtedly accounts for part of the success of Lady Elizabeth's party planning business — and is why the daughters of great houses so often become interior designers (like the Duke of Marlborough's daughter, Lady Henrietta Spencer-Churchill), or work in auction houses (like Lady Victoria Leatham at Sotheby's), both businesses that help others to acquire the illusion of being to the manor born.

Ian Ross, who grew up in a home with a butler and is married to an earl's sister, worked as a butler when he fell on hard times in Beverly Hills. "If you've had servants it's easier to think of becoming one," he says. "But once you've been a servant you tend not to want to have them again." He is now back in Britain, and writing a book about his experiences.

Professor Cannadine seems to find it infra dig that "the Countess of Mar is a saleswoman for British Telecom. Lord Simon Conyngham is an assistant in a delicatessen. Lord Teviot is a bus conductor. The Duchess of Somerset does the cooking herself . . ." and that "Lord Kingsale, the premier baron of Ireland, is a silage-pit builder . . . having previously been a bingo caller in Stourbridge, a lorry driver and a safari keeper . . ."

Lord Teviot — a former bus driver, in fact, who married his conductress — also worked in a supermarket (with his wife as a cashier), proving that since a grocer like Lord Sainsbury can become a peer it is only fair that a peer can become a grocer. Lord Teviot is an Old Etonian who claimed he had been brought up "with one adage: to be natural at all times". He now pursues the more gentle art of genealogy.

Lady Mar — who holds Scotland's premier earldom, but inherited oo estate or money with her ancient title — points out that she gave up her job as a BT sales superintendent eight years ago. Now she helps her husband on their Worcestershire smallholding and is active in the House of Lords. Her daughter, Lady Susan of Mar — who will inherit the title — trained as a secretary and worked for Ted Heath until her marriage. Lady Mar, who sits in the House of Lords as an independent and is known for her interest in health and social service issues, says: "I have never been afraid of hard work, and even worked as a hospital auxiliary for a time. If you ask me the reason the British aristocracy has survived better than so many others is because we have been willing and able to work." She accuses the book of being "way out of date".

Professor Cannadine is unapologetic. "It takes ten years to write a book like this and it is a serious, important work," he says. "It doesn't matter when she did the job, the fact is that she did it, and Evelyn Waugh has said that 'when aristocrats work they become middle class'. The point I am making is that the essence of aristocracy is being leisured, oot having to work for a living."

Other members of the working aristocracy vehemently disagree. The Earl of Mount Charles, who worked in publishing and runs rock concerts, a restaurant and a nightclub at Slane Castle in the Irish Republic, says: "If I were to sit idly by, then I would be in decline. It would be alien to my nature, and if to be active is to be in decline it is surely the strangest definition." Lord Mount Charles says that he and his brother, Lord Simon Conyngham — who has worked in a delicatessen, a fish shop and for a fast-food chain before starting his own concession selling salmon, haggis and other delicacies at airports — have both grown up with a strong work ethic. He says the stereotype of an aristocracy that "spend their entire lives hunting and shooting themselves in the foot" is far-fetched, and "having had to learn to use every trick in the book to survive" has given the aristocracy a new strength.

The Countess of Normanton, whose husband was described in the book as "a male model for Burberry", asserts: "While our house, Somerley, and our dogs have been used in advertisements for Burberry, and my husband appeared in the background, my husband is certainly not a male model. But he does work very hard on the estate, which we have commercialised in many ways with conferences, clay pigeon shoots and the like. It's like running a family business, and it's jolly hard work."

Charles, Lord Guernsey — heir to the Earl of Aylesford, Lord Lieutenant of the West Midlands — is a "working title" not featured in the television series who does not mind dirtying his hands with rubbish for the sake of preserving his estate, Packington Hall near Coventry. Although Lord Guernsey recently relinquished control of his waste disposal business to an American firm, the offices are maintained at Packington, and he can still see what he prefers to call "a controlled landfill site rather than a dump" from his windows.

"We were able to get such a good price for the business because, since we had to live with it and were not going to go anywhere, it had to be a model site, well io advance of legislation," he says. He ran the busioess actively and personally for ten years, and claims his family did not look askance at it because "it was such an important lifeline for the survival of the estate.

"I suppose if you've got enough money you can indulge yourself with some work which is simply satisfying, like painting or pottery — but few of us can afford to do just that." Lord Guernsey also hires his house out for conferences, with his wife, Penelope, taking charge of the catering.

Some have looked outside the sheltered world of the estate for survival. While "cooking, couture, Cartier, Christie's, children and charity" are the traditional choices for uppercrust girls, Lady Carolyn Seymour, the eldest daughter of the Marquess of Hertford, does not shy away from menial work. She picked tomatoes in Greece, ran a kindergarten in India and worked as a barmaid before becoming a secretary, which she is today. Like her sisters, Lady Diana (also a secretary) and Lady Anne (a teacher), she has done everything possible to keep her title secret from those she works with. "People treat you in a different way once they know," she says (a sentiment echoed by Lady Elizabeth Anson in *Working Titles*). "Back home you're Lady Carolyn, you have staff and an estate and the front pew at church. But at work you're just Carolyn and don't admit you're a oob and live in a stately home."

During the week Lady Carolyn shares a modest west London flat with one of her sisters, and is gradually coming to terms with the fact that her family seat, Ragley Hall in Alcester, will go to her brother one day and cease to be even her weekend and holiday home.

"We work because we have to — we're not just playing at it," she says. But she is clearly ambivalent about her role. "Maybe I've travelled so much because I wanted to avoid the rest of the people who get on the Tube at 8 o'clock each morning. I sometimes think, I wasn't born to get on the Tube."

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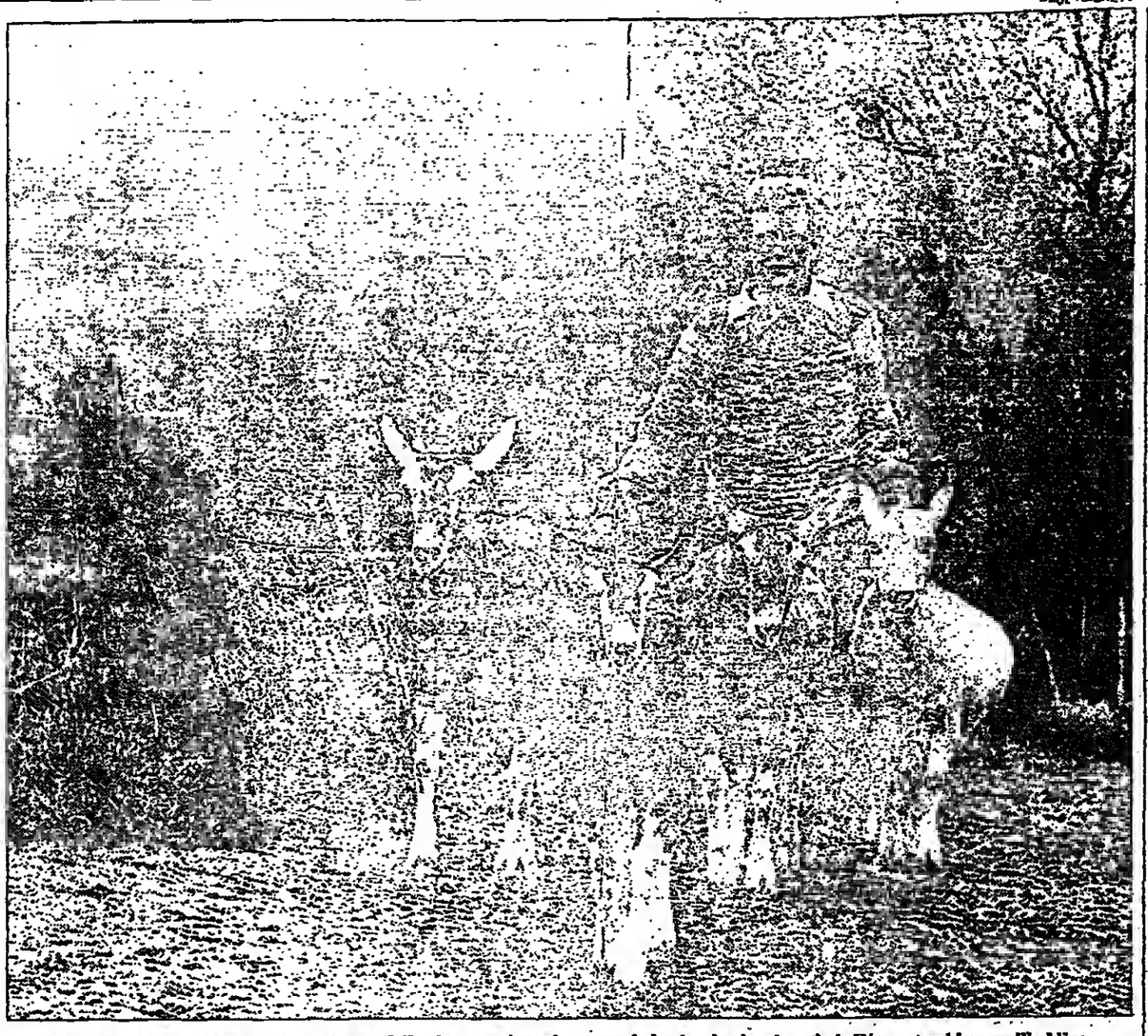

County set: the Countess of Mar, a former BT sales superintendent, now helps her husband on their Worcestershire smallholding

Waste not: Lord Guernsey on his "controlled landfill" site

Stomach for a fight

The microwave may restore continental faith in British food

One hundred and fifty British companies are aiming this week to persuade foreigners to eat more like us. It will not be easy. Jokes abroad about British food's fish and chip image have cost us dear — while Britain's food exports are worth some £5 billion a year, we spend almost twice that on food imports.

Both fish and chips will, as it happens, be strongly (if separately) represented today in the British pavilion at the Salon International d'Alimentation (Sial) trade fair in Paris. Britain's 150 exhibitors will be flying bravely in the face of the contempt which plagues the reputation of British food abroad.

"What we export is, metaphorically speaking, peanuts," Roy Edlestone, the director of European operations for Food from Britain, says. "Our presence in Europe has been virtually negligible. The British food industry does not try hard enough, and does not have the will to succeed in Europe."

There are, though, said to be superb opportunities awaiting British food manufacturers in Europe. We are among the world's leaders in ready-made meals and convenience foods, a position due partly to a national preoccupation with keeping out of the kitchen as much as possible.

Britain has more women going out to work than almost any other industrialised nation. We also have the world's highest ownership of microwave ovens, and where we have led, others may follow. "As chauvioism breaks down in France," says a Food from Britain spokesman, "there will be a potentially huge market for high quality, British ready-made meals. French women are increasingly going out to work, and wanting to free themselves from the kitchen." So Sharwoods, Campbell's and Ross Youngs will be in the fair's British pavilion with a catholic selection of ready-prepared dishes.

For almost one third of the British contingent this will be a first foray to the biennial exhibition. The expense of mounting a stand there has usually limited participation to the likes of RHM, Allied-Lyons and United Biscuits. This time Food from Britain, with the help of Department of Trade grants for smaller companies, has urged more of the food industry's small fry to try their luck.

Many of the most successful British ready-made meals are prepared from anything but British recipes. There are Italian pastas and pizzas, Spanish paellas, Greek moussakas, Indian curries, Chinese noodles, Thai satays and even French *caneton à l'orange* and *boeuf bourguignon*.

Food from Britain has bluntly warned food producers that sticking a Union Jack on the product is not enough to make it sell. If foreigners do not like our food, it seems we have to dish them up someone else's instead.

ROBIN YOUNG

Responsibility for contraception is heading firmly back into the man's domain

Are we ready for the male pill?

A MALE contraceptive pill may be only a few years away, according to researchers. But are men, and their partners, ready for it? How many women would trust a lover's pledge that he was taking his daily dose? And how many parents would recommend it to their teenage sons?

The questions are raised by the publication last week of an international study of the effectiveness of contraceptive injections for men. The World Health Organisation project involved hundreds of volunteers in seven countries.

Researchers have known for years that testosterone, the male sex hormone, can be used to block sperm production. The injections appear to be more effective than the oral contraceptive for women.

Within the next few years, the injections may become widely available, paving the way for a pill version by the end of the decade. The potential benefits are enormous, particularly in over-populated countries, but a pill's success depends on the extent to which men accept it.

The advent of the pill for women in the Sixties took the onus of preventing unwanted pregnancies away from men. Now evidence is emerging that many men would welcome their own contraceptive. An increasing number with established families are opting for a vasectomy — about 77,000 were performed in Britain in 1989 — and the threat of Aids has increased the use of condoms.

The WHO study required volunteers to take weekly injections of testosterone, in the arm or buttocks, for at least a year. The participants had to be healthy, aged between 21 and 45, and in stable relationships. There was no shortage of volunteers, though a few dropped out because they did not like the frequency of the injections.

Dr Fred Wu with WHO project volunteers (from left) James Bremner, John Munro and Ross Hunter

John Munro, aged 37, an Edinburgh printer who took part in the project, says: "It is important to have mutual trust in this sort of thing. Contraception isn't just a female prerogative. I don't like using condoms and I feel this method is really handy. The injections didn't bother me at all." The only side effect he suffered was some acne on his back.

JAMES Bremner, aged 42, another Edinburgh volunteer, attests to the reversibility of the treatment. He and his wife had a boy within a year of stopping the injections. "If the drug moves on to a tablet form it would be ideal," he says.

The next challenge for researchers is to modify the treatment so that injections are necessary only three or four times a year.

The Edinburgh men were recruited by Professor Dennis Lincoln, the director of the Medical Research Council's reproductive biology unit in the city and one of the organisers of the study. "Times are changing. There is more support for a male contraceptive than we expected," he says. "We found many men in stable, monogamous relationships, who are enthusiastic and willing to share the responsibilities of contraception.

"Within the next ten years we could see marriages where the husband is on his pill for one year, and the wife on hers for the next. I think this sort of sharing is going to catch on."

He is more cautious, though, about offering the pill to single, unattached men. "The user has to appreciate the responsibilities involved. When the female pill is prescribed, there is advice given along with it, and the same rules should apply for men.

"If you had a teenage son and there was a male pill available, I wouldn't suggest you encourage him to take it. If he was sexually active, the best advice on contraception would be to use coodoms."

Charlotte Owen, of the Family Planning Association, says: "We fully support the development of a male contraceptive, but we have reservations about making it available to younger men. A lot of girls simply wouldn't trust a new boyfriend who said he was taking it. In marriages or long-term relationships, though, it is an ideal option."

Dr Pramilla Senanayake, the assistant secretary-general of the International Planned Parenthood Federation, has similar doubts about giving the pill to single men, but does not completely rule out the idea. "There are many young men who don't have a permanent partner but who feel a responsibility to protect their girlfriend from pregnancy. I don't believe we should discourage them."

DR SENANAYAKE points out that 60 million men in the world have had a vasectomy. Male responsibility towards contraception is well established, she says. "The choices for men are limited. If the options were extended, I'm certain more men would respond."

There is, however, another problem. Men are being urged to use condoms to protect themselves and their partners from the risks of HIV and other diseases. Can they be expected to adopt both the pill and the condom?

"They may be used to wearing the trousers, but putting on both belt and braces may be asking too much of many of them," Senanayake says. The single man daunted by such a challenge should opt for a condom with its twin value as both a barrier against infection and a contraceptive, she says.

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BRIEFING

Artful dodgers

FACED with the growing trade in worldwide art theft, art and antique experts are getting together with police specialists for what is billed as the first international conference on art world crime. Policemen from 19 British forces will join representatives from Scotland Yard, the Irish police and the FBI in America at next mooth's meeting in Plymouth to widen their knowledge on international rackets involving theft, fakes and forgeries. Organiser Philip Saunders says: "It is important to establish a liaison between all the parties involved in thefts of this kind, from private individuals and public bodies who own the goods to the police dealing with the crime, right on through to brokers, underwriters and loss adjusters."

Change of shift

DEVOTEES of the Opera Factory will notice that for the first time, ooe of its productions — Maderna's *Satyricon*, which opens Wednesday at London's Drill Hall — *is being* staged by someone other than the Factory's founder, David Freeman. Robert Chevara will be in charge and the conductor will be David Parry, rather than Paul Daniel, the Factory's musical director. The reason is that Freeman has ambitious plans for the Opera Factory and is keen to give opportunities to new talents. Daniel, meanwhile, has his hands full both in Leeds, where he has just become musical director of Opera North, and at home in London, where his wife, the soprano Joan Rodgers, has recently given birth.

Lady and tramp

THE title role of Pinter's *The Caretaker* was written for a man and has always been played by one. Until now, that is, for on Wednesday Miriam Karlin takes on the role in Annie Castledine's production at the Sherman Theatre, Cardiff (0222 230451). The presence of a female tramp, trying to cause friction between the two strange brothers, undoubtedly throws up a sexual *frisson* not present in the original. But Castledine says that when Pinter was asked for permission to alter the gender and change a few pronouns he said: "Go ahead," with, she reports, a wry smile.

Last chance . . .

THERE is talk that Peter O'Toole might return to the West End next year, to star again in the role he created, the vodka-sloshing chain-smoking hero of *Jeffrey Bernard Is Unwell*. But that may never happen, so this week could be the last chance to see Bernard's favourite bar, the Coach & Horses in Romilly Street, recreated on the Apollo Theatre stage (071-437 2663). James Bolam is currently playing Mr Nighttime O'Booze.

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Bow belle's capital week

Imperious: No spectres of self-doubt or emotional distress have ever haunted the playing of Anne-Sophie Mutter

Anne-Sophie Mutter's London appearances, Richard Morrison writes, are unparalleled

Something extraordinary is happening at the Barbican. A 27-year-old German violinist is giving the kind of comprehensive demonstration of all-round instrumental finesse that perhaps only two or three other musicians in the world could match. By tomorrow night Anne-Sophie Mutter will have played seven concertos and seven big chamber works within one week. On Saturday night alone, in one epic concert, she delivered three concertos — any one of which would be draining enough for the average virtuoso.

But it is the astonishing quality of her playing, not the bravado of her ambition, that defines the significance of this enterprise. The only comparable individual contribution to London concert life to recent years has been Rostropovich's marathon series of cello concertos.

Playing of this quality simply sweeps aside all the tatty paraphernalia of glitter and gossip that inevitably surrounds a star of this magnitude. What does it matter whether she drives a Porsche or a minicab; or wears shoulder-less dresses or dungarees? Such matters become irrelevant the moment she lifts her bow, in a characteristically imperious gesture, to the strings. So, too, does her "Karajan protégée" history: this is nobody's protégée (and probably never was), but an artist of fascinating resource and unparalleled powers of concentration.

What is her special quality? First, of course, there is absolute technical command. Her immaculate, mercurial account of Sarasate's *Fantaisie on Bizet's Carmen* was the most extrovert demonstration of that: the harmonics uncannily accurate; the triple-stopping executed with ridiculous ease; the flashing arpeggios of the "Chanson bohème" swirling past with fiendish brilliance.

Superb technique, however, constitutes the merest beginning of Mutter's approach. Much more important is the questing intelligence with which it is applied, so that every phrase is moulded with unique meaning.

The Tchaikovsky concerto on Saturday night was given the sort of performance that a listener is privileged to hear once in a lifetime: the opening movement, in particular, was handled with tremendously bold flexibility, like a bird swooping or hovering at will. Phrases that have been played 10,000 times sounded as fresh as if the ink was still drying on the page. Sir Colin Davis and the London Symphony Orchestra did admirably to stick with her.

Parallel to this metrical daring is Mutter's increasingly startling choice of tone colour. She has at her disposal every classic violin timbre, and she knows exactly when to deploy each one: the cool, chaste sound (in the slow passage of the Franck sonata); the brilliant, metallic edge (for the finale of Mozart's *Sinfonia Concertante*, and again with magnificent wilfulness in Tartini's "Devil's Trill" Sonata); the buzzing G-string, often allied to machine-gun articulation of fabulous clarity (the Tchaikovsky finale); the smoochy, sensuous portamento; the creamy full-toned top register; and so on.

But there are some sounds that seem exclusively hers. One thinks particularly of the remarkable, remote tone she produced at the start of the Tchaikovsky slow movement, as if some plaintive song was heard behind a closed door.

Mutter's relish of an intellectual challenge shows itself in another way, too. As Rostropovich did in his youth, she has inspired present-day composers to write big, testing pieces for her. She played two such pieces last week. Despite its piecemeal construction, Witold Lutoslawski's *Partita-Interlude-Chain 2* is now nothing less than a gigantic concerto, moving from a Bartók-style fierceness to chord clusters of ethereal stillness.

Under the composer's direction, Mutter played it as if the music was as thoroughly in her blood as Brahms: not only did she invest her own part with great character, but she was alive to the possibilities for subtle interplay within the beguiling orchestral textures. The other recent concerto she included was less inspired, though Norbert Moret's bizarre *En Rêve* (about a swarm of gnats, according to the composer) did at least allow her to run through all the usual avant-garde tricks.

Mutter's greatest strength as an interpreter has always been that she presents a strongly individual vision with immense self-confidence. She stamps her personality wilfully on every phrase like a farmer branding sheep. That has its disadvantages; listeners may react equally strongly against her view. A baroque purist, for instance, might have found unpalatable her massively sonorous but far from 18th-century approach to Tartini.

Perhaps, too, the presence of this steely-minded perfectionist has an intimidating effect on her collaborators. Neither the Mozart (with Bruno Giuranna attempting, but not succeeding very well, to conduct the orchestra and play the viola part) nor the Beethoven Triple Concerto (with the pianist Andrei Gavrilov and cellist Frans Helmerson) gripped as the solo concertos did.

Where does Mutter go from here? Nowhere, it seems, at least for the moment: after 13 years of high-pressure music-making she plans to take a year off. That is wise. She has gone as far as a first-class musical intelligence and miraculous fingers will take her. No spectres of self-doubt or emotional distress have ever haunted her playing. If they do in later years she might become an even greater artist.

THEATRE

Pioneer revue'd

Clarke Peters, author of a musical tribute to bandleader Louis Jordan, talks to Clive Davis

The American actor Clarke Peters was about five years old when he first heard the music of Louis Jordan. The song, he remembers, was one of Jordan's many novelty hits, "Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens", a nocturnal dialogue between a farmer and the occupants of a henhouse. "I heard it on the radio in the early Fifties," says Peters. "Jordan's career was levelling off by then, but you can understand the effect that song had on the imagination of a young child."

The farmyard song is one of the highlights of Peters' tribute to Jordan, *Five Guys Named Moe*, which officially opens tonight at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East. Not quite a full-blown musical, nor a revue — and certainly not a musical biography — the show contains some 20 Jordan hits, all snappily choreographed by Charles Augins. Peters prefers to describe the evening as a "revusical". However it is defined, *Five Guys* helps to restore Jordan to his rightful position as a pioneer of rhythm and blues and an effervescent entertainer.

At the peak of his career, in the mid-Forties, Jordan was one of the most popular performers in America. Risqué but never crude, his songs helped introduce white audiences to the rituals of ghetto life and the verbal dexterity of black slang ("Reet, Petite, and Gone" was a typical example). The insidious beat of his "jump" music, a mixture of blues and stripped-down swing, paved the way for the rise of rock 'n' roll. Bill Haley and Chuck Berry both acknowledged their debt to him. More recently, the rock singer Joe Jackson revived some of the "hep" tunes for the *Jumpin' Jive* album.

Jordan, who was born in Arkansas in 1908, made his name in the late Thirties as an alto-saxophonist and singer with the bandleader Chick Webb. (One of Webb's other discoveries was Ella Fitzgerald). Jordan formed his own group, The Tympany Five, in 1938 and embarked on the series of hits which carried him through the next decade and a half.

The most enduring songs included "Is You Is Or Is You Ain't (Ma Baby)" "Saturday Night Fish Fry" and "Caldonia". The vaudeville antics, however, always went hand in hand with assured musicianship. Illness interrupted Jordan's career just as the rock 'n' roll era was getting under way, but he remained active up to his death in 1975.

"I love the humour in his songs," Clarke Peters explains. "They're all little scenarios about individuals. Songs today aren't like that. They don't lend themselves to theatrical exploitation. I love his style too. The cat was classy. He had great dress sense. I think a lot of young people would go for that now, especially as jazz is back in fashion again."

A New Yorker who moved to London in 1973, Peters first wrote *Five Guys Named Moe* as a sketch, five years ago. He then expanded the piece into a 55-minute late-night show at the Cottesloe. At the time Peters was appearing at the National in another play about black American music, August Wilson's *Ma Rainey's Black Bottom*. For the Stratford performances, *Five Guys* has been expanded again, to 90 minutes. The scene is set in the present day, with the central character, the lovelorn Nomax (played by Dig Wayne), listening to the radio while drowning his woes in alcohol. He is then confronted with the five Moes — characters from the Jordan song — who carry him back to the Forties and teach him about women, love and how to be a cool dude.

Jordan himself does not appear; the five Moes are all fragments of his showbusiness persona. The show moves quickly, the songs linked together by brief sketches and the minimum of plot. Peters says he was wary about turning the evening into a full-scale musical biography. He thinks that would be a task for a television documentary. Of course, the public is accustomed to musicals that last a good three hours, with lasers and six dozen scene changes thrown in for good measure. *Five Guys* is a lightweight in that respect, but as Peters points out, that is not necessarily a disadvantage.

People, he says, do not pay to go to the theatre in order to sit for three hours: they pay to be entertained.

● Five Guys Named Moe *is at the Theatre Royal, Stratford East, London E15 (081-534 0310), until November 24.*

ALASTAIR MUIR

Clarke Peters, author of and performer in *Five Guys Named Moe*

TELEVISION

Understanding other worlds

IF YOU were a television interviewer, and a man sitting (for reasons presumably familiar to the late Salvador Dali) beneath a large painted cow told you that he has always to do up the top button of his shirt, for fear of getting wind on his collar bone, would you (a) manage not to giggle or (b) close down the interview entirely?

Jonathan Ross, in his encounter with the film maker David Lynch, otherwise known as the Eagle Scout from Montana, seemed not even faintly surprised, and pressed on with the adoration business. By that time, he had already been told by other Lynch admirers that the great director always wore ties at art school, in fact three at a time, so the fear of wind on the collar bone must go back quite a way. It will probably occupy several chapters of the authorised biography.

For One Week Only David Lynch (Last Friday) was, of course, a neat pre-emptive strike by Channel 4 which, having failed *to afford the British rights* in *Twin Peaks* (tomorrow, BBC 2) did at least manage to get a director-profile out of it. Lynch apparently comes from a secure background, but he specialises in the dark undercurrents of the American dream.

He also shaves mice, according to one of his actors, and may in the view of his daughter have made the gothic horror *Eraserhead* as a veiled protest against fatherhood and family life, which is rather like suggesting that the composer of the *Ring* cycle must have been somewhat opposed to mouth organs.

It also turns out that, before the money and the awards came rolling in, Lynch used to moonlight as a plumber. It is very satisfactory, he told Ross, who said that perhaps he, too, should try it. "I think you should," said Lynch, having by this time obviously had the chance to assess Ross as an interviewer.

Compared to the sheer inscrutability of Lynch, the complexities of post-war Japan should have been a doddle, but last night's start to **Nippon**, a massive eight-part series by Peter Pagnamenta for BBC 2, suggested that we still have a lot to learn about the so-called floating kingdom.

Coming at the end of a week of eyewitness reports from the survivors of Stalin and Nixon, the Japanese proved unusually intriguing interviewees, perhaps because they are still comparatively new to the business. As a Tokyo radio reporter recalled, when he began to stick microphones under people's noses in 1945 they thought he was trying to shoot them with a strange new kind of gun.

The postwar American occupiers brought with them Hollywood biographies of Lincoln and Washington to inspire feelings of democracy and personal freedom, but Emperor Hirohito was still in the Imperial Palace and there were other problems to be resolved. Japanese audiences watching *America the Beautiful* deeply coveted the modern farm machinery, but did not care for shots of American farmers' wives having the audacity to speak to their husbands.

Americans seemed extremely inscrutable, especially to a Japanese newsman who had three baths in rapid succession before his interview with Hirohito, thereby setting himself apart from the Western observers, who would usually take a bath *after* meeting him.

But it was the occupying Americans who wrote Japan's postwar constitution in six days. The document closed down the armed forces and declared, to the amazement of the locals, that war was no longer to be their divine right. Meanwhile, at the Tokyo film studios, directors were having to train embarrassed Japanese actors in the art of the Hollywood kiss by tugging (out of vision) at their ankles, to indicate when enough was enough. And *Reader's Digest* was, by 1947, Japan's best-selling magazine.

All in all, it was a cultural refit of extraordinary speed and efficiency, give or take a minor potential general strike, and that it was achieved virtually without further bloodshed has to be acounted one of the wonders of the postwar world.

But, then again, the Japanese have always been masters of efficiency, and as early as the autumn of 1945 their prime minister was noting that, with sufficient American funds, it should be possible to rebuild the economy. Rather than just giving us the viewing figures when this series ends, it would be good if the BBC could also tell us how many were watching on Japanese sets.

SHERIDAN MORLEY

Sharper but still confusing

DANCE

The Prince of the Pagodas
Covent Garden

KENNETH MacMillan has tightened up many details since his version of *The Prince of the Pagodas* was premiered last year, chiefly I think for more sharpness in the narrative. The ballet's chief virtues remain as before: the many ingenious solos for a large cast, set within the sweep of Britten's splendid score.

The story is still a weakness: involved, and at the same time uninvolving. Part of Act III becomes more dramatic in this version than in Cranko's original, but turning Act II into a dream sequence leaves the choreographer struggling against the music, leading at times to "ull-ready" sequences or at best to spectacular but unmotivated solos.

Only two of the four principals from the premiere were on hand for this season's opening performance on Friday night, but nobody should complain at a cast headed by Darcey Bussell as the heroine and Tetsuya Kumakawa as her faithful fool who provides the solution to nearly all problems. He dances with even more brilliance than before, repeatedly causing gasps in the audience with his enormous leaps, and affecting in his *kabuki* clown face.

I cannot say that Bussell has grown into her role, since it was made to measure for her, but she performs it with a blithe, lissome smoothness that seems God-given. The radiance of her smile, the infallible grace of her outline at each moment, are every bit as vital to the part as her extraordinary movement.

Robert Hill is her new partner. He is at his best as the fairy-tale prince: not, perhaps, with quite the firepower of Jonathan Cope in his last big solo, but light and easy, pacing himself well, and making far more sense of the character. He bothers all the time about the meaning of what he is doing.

In his transformation into a salamander, Hill is not yet so convincing: he finds a harsh, tormented angularity for these sequences but misses the slippery, slithering quality. Nor does Deborah Bull succeed entirely as the wicked sister responsible for his suffering: her dancing is sharp, but not contrasted enough with the heroine (MacMillan must take some of the blame for this).

The presence of an American, Hill, and the imminent appearance of several Soviet and French stars in leading roles with the company is bound to lead (as Debra Craine wrote on Thursday) to controversy about risk to the Royal Ballet's English style. This is nothing new; as long ago as 1957, when Cranko's original *Pagodas* was created, it introduced strong Soviet influences into the company.

What is needed is a sense of history among the directors: to retain what is good from the past with what is new. Unfortunately, that is not much in evidence lately.

The supporting company as a whole does well including a newcomer, William Trevitt, who makes the King of the West as impressive as his three rivals. Nicholas Georgiadis's designs, somewhat revised for the costumes, look good. On Friday night, Richard Bernas conducted a sound account of the score (apart from an errant trumpet), and quite possibly the slowest performance to date of "God Save the Queen".

JOHN PERCIVAL


Inspired dancing: Darcey Bussell and Robert Hill

THEATRE

Democracy
Gate Theatre Club

GOOD guys do not always write good plays. Nobody has more right than the Nobel laureate and former "social parasite" Joseph Brodsky to pen a triumphant satire about the collapse of communism; but many lesser men would have done so to greater effect. To say that *Democracy* falls flat would be a misrepresentation. To do that, it would be necessary for the play to get off the ground in the first place: and it resolutely refuses to do anything so definite.

The setting is a banqueting room in some capsule East European country. A picture of Lenin hangs over the silver, along with prints of assorted other comrades, including one who looks like Clement Freud but is probably Fidel Castro. Anyway, the Head of State and his ministers have barely finished their grouse and caviar (what else?) when Himself, as Gorbachev is coyly called throughout, phones to say that democracy must be proclaimed within the hour.

That launches the assembled politicians into a long, scattered discussion about what so obscure a word means and so alien an idea implies in practice. The talk ranges widely: how to get foreign aid, whether reviving the eel industry would help the economy, what to do about minorities, political prisoners and censorship. Eels presumably excepted, these are subjects about which Brodsky has strong views; but here he is content to smile from the sidelines as his characters jokily talk themselves into tangles likely to leave the audience as confused as the speakers.

What is clear, though, is that his characters hope to make change as cosmetic as possible. Thus the Party boss restyles himself a comfy, Western-sounding "Mr President" in the time it takes to call a press conference. As someone hopefully suggests, the 180-degree turn proposed from Moscow could end up as a 360-swingaround to the same place. Brodsky's warning obviously has point for Romania and Bulgaria, if not so much for Czechoslovakia and Hungary; but it would count for more if put over with crisper wit and greater subversive energy.

Perhaps a sharper production than Matthew Lloyd's would have provided some such virtues. As it is, this is one of those evenings in which almost everybody seems to be speaking in those knowing, blasé, wincingly ironic tones which English actors habitually attribute to members of any corrupt ruling class, native or foreign. That adds little punch or variety to the satire, either.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

CONCERT

OAE/Brüggen
Queen Elizabeth Hall

THIS was a wonderful concert. Anybody who still doubts that the standard of period-style players lingers behind that of those who used to be thought of as their mainstream counterparts would hastily think again after hearing the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, conducted in two of the three works by Frans Brüggen, in this sort of form.

There were, as there always are, one or two tiny accidents — a suspicion of a not quite unanimous entry here, a premature brush on a string there, and a fairly disastrous tilt by the natural horns at their opening high notes in the first movement of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. These things did not matter, however, because the spirit was highly charged, the sound, both of strings and wind, was secure, well-defined and cultivated, and the instrumental balance revealed some hitherto unsuspected things.

The programme helped, of course. It began with C.P.E. Bach's late Symphony in B flat, Wq 182 No 2, which the OAE's string players, without Brüggen at the helm, gave while standing. They dispatched this extraordinarily harmonically wayward and vibrant piece (as much of Bach's music is) like demons possessed, plunging with relish from one shock to the next. Such music might not have been quite up to the minute in 1773 (as the programme notes pointed out, orchestras tended by then to include wind instruments as a matter of course, and formal balance was the order of the day), but when played like this it can make the hair stand on end.

So, still, does a work as established as Haydn's "Clock" Symphony, No 101, if it is delivered with the freshness which it possessed here. Scintillatingly brilliant first and last movements framed a perfectly weighted Andante (the "tick-tock" movement itself), in whose teasing humour Lisa Beznosiuk's beautifully gauged flute playing took on an especially vital role.

To surpass the sheer sense of joy radiated by Brüggen's reading of this work was impossible, but Beethoven's earthier celebration of the spirit was equally compelling, equally impulsive, and equally carefully prepared. Even if the slow movement might have been a touch rapid for some tastes, nobody could have failed to thrill to the horns' rousing rawness at the end; perhaps their earlier *faux pas* succeeded in maintaining that essential feeling of the music being balanced on a knife-edge which is a part of every great performance.

STEPHEN PETTITT

ROCK

The Pixies
Odeon, Hammersmith

TO BE watching The Pixies in a rock venue as mainstream as the Hammersmith Odeon seemed wrong, and they were as surprised to be there as anyone else. "Lotta seats in this place," noted bassist Kim Deal sardonically, used as she is to playing the kind of places where people hurl themselves about a bit.

That The Pixies are now so big they have to play the Hammersmith Odeon says much about the power of our weekly rock press to rally continued resistance to the status quo of dance-oriented pop music.

The group is a quartet from Boston who not only eschew rock orthodoxy but have no truck with funky rhythm or sax appeal, yet The Pixies are the most successful independent-label band since The Smiths. This is where the frayed, visceral, neo-hardcore spirit of punk lives on.

There is little of the theatrical in a Pixies show. As a front man, the dumpy, lumberjack-shirted Black Francis makes Morrissey look like Diana Ross, while his cohorts bring to mind the Talking Heads in their collegiate, New York CBGB's days. The readers of the rock press are not here for theatre, however. They are here for the savage intensity of the sound, the distorted guitars, the riffs that are never too blatant.

People talk about the glorious "shards" of melody embedded in The Pixies' sonic bombardment, but it is not always easy to pick them out. If their overlapping, interlacing harmonies occasionally strike the ear as incongruously pretty, the group strays about as far from standard tunefulness as is acceptable within a rock context. One is never entirely sure where one is in a Pixies song.

Whether it is the blasting garage punk of "Broken Face" and "Tony's Theme", or the slower strains of "Havalina" and the Sugar-Cubes-ish "Gigantic", there is always the same sense of wilful obtuseness in The Pixies' sound. I am told they are all about "the lure of abjection" and "the degradation of language", but how purely intellectual is their flirtation with the primal grunge of noise, only they know.

Doubtless this is the post-modern condition of rock: too sated and jaded to go back to the inane sonic violence of the Stooges, audiences settle for a kind of meta-hardcore, an indie rock music about rock. It is not at all surprising that The Pixies boast a song entitled "Rock Music".

The audience still bangs its collective head to a brutal beat, but it knows that rock is now too knowing, too self-referential, to induce the dionysiac abandonment of its heyday.

BARNEY HOSKYNS

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ BIRD ON A WIRE (12): Empty-headed chase movie, with only Mel Gibson and Goldie Hawn's star power to pull us through a rickety script about a protected witness running from the man he put in jail. Director, John Badham.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE ENCHANTMENT: Shunichi Nagasaki's strange, underwhelming drama about a psychiatrist who falls for a split-personality patient. Part of a three-week season devoted to new Japanese cinema.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

◆ THE LITTLE MERMAID (U): Disney's much-touted version of Hans Christian Andersen's fantasy, smartly packaged, but charmless and synthetic to anyone with memories of *Snow White* or *Cinderella*.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE MATCH FACTORY GIRL (15): Finnish wonderboy Aki Kaurismaki's austere and slyly amusing tale of a factory drudge. Kati Outinen etches a memorable portrayal of a life lived at the limits of endurance.
Electric (071-792 2020).

THE SALUTE OF THE JUGGER (18): Tired variation on the *Mad Max* genre, shot in Australia, with Rutger Hauer as a futuristic gladiator. An inauspicious directorial debut for writer David W. Peoples.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

SILENT SCREAM (15): David Hayman's prize-winning film about the inner life of a maverick prisoner serving a life sentence. Iain Glen's fine performance cuts through much of the stylistic rigmarole.
Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ WINGS OF THE APACHE (15): American pilots in high-tech helicopters wage war on South America's drug barons. Routine action fare with a strong cast (Nicolas Cage, Sean Young, Tommy Lee Jones). Directed by Britain's David Green.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

CURRENT

◆ ANOTHER 48 HOURS (18): Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte swagger and growl through the familiar plot about a convict and cop joining forces to combat crime. Lazy, noisy and rude. Director, Walter Hill.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ BAD INFLUENCE (18): Psychological thriller charting the fortunes of a young professional (James Spader) befriended by a psychopath (Rob Lowe). Sleek and suspenseful until undue silliness sets in.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeons: Mezzanine (071 930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071 722 5905).

◆ CADILLAC MAN (15): Ramshackle, noisy vehicle for Robin Williams — a womanising car salesman taken hostage by a slow-witted, cuckolded husband (Tim Robbins). Director, Roger Donaldson.
Odeon Leicester Square (071-930 6111).

◆ COMMUNION (15): Christopher Walken in a commanding star turn as writer Whitley Strieber, besieged by extra-terrestrial experiences. The aliens look silly, but the film paints a vivid portrait of a torn marriage. Director, Philippe Mora.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

◆ CRIMES AND MISDEMEANORS (15): Woody Allen's engrossing portrait of life's ironies and immoralities, engaging comedy from Allen and Alan Alda.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Minema (071-235 4225) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

◆ DIE HARD 2 — DIE HARDER (15): Action-packed but relentlessly silly sequel to an already absurd original, with Bruce Willis's cop trying to wrest Washington airport from another crop of terrorists.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ GHOST (12): Jerry Zucker's supernatural thriller, with Patrick Swayze as the ghost desperate to contact his endangered girlfriend (Demi Moore). Bizarre, viconeous, but absorbing while it lasts.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

HARDWARE (18): Thunderously outlandish British science-fiction thriller from a new director, Richard Stanley. Low on budget, high on verve, in-jokes and cheek, with Dylan McDermott, Stacey Travis.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Kensington (071-602 6644/5).

◆ HEART CONDITION (15): Bob Hoskins as a racist cop who gets a heart transplant from his own worst enemy (Denzel Washington). Bouncy action-comedy.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

LONGTIME COMPANION (15): Norman René's acclaimed drama following the fortunes of gay Americans throughout the Eighties. Despite the smooth packaging, the pain still comes through.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861).

◆ MEMPHIS BELLE (12): David Puttnam's fictional expansion of the war documentary about a US bomber crew's final mission. Convincing planes, fuzzy people. Director, Michael Caton-Jones.
Cannon Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ MO' BETTER BLUES (15): Spike Lee's tale of a self-absorbed New York jazz player (Denzel Washington). The bustling atmosphere keeps the film lively, though its melodrama remains hard to digest.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Empire (071-437 9999).

THE MUSIC TEACHER (U): Belgian tale of a retired opera singer (José van Dam) training two new apprentices for a competition. Prettily mounted, but wearisomely genteel. Director, Gérard Corbiau.
Barbican (071-638 8891).

NIKITA (18): Grandiose, empty thriller from French wonderboy Luc Besson about a punk drug fiend (Anne Parillaud) recruited by the government as a secret agent with a licence to kill. With Jean-Hugues Anglade.
Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumiere (071-836 0691) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

◆ PRESUMED INNOCENT (15): Alan J. Pakula's riveting, thoughtful version of Scott Turow's best-seller about an attorney (Harrison Ford), who seems the chief suspect in the case of a murdered colleague. Raul Julia, Greta Scacchi.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ ROBOCOP 2 (18): Futuristic slam-bang sequel to the 1987 epic about a cop reconstructed as an indestructible robot (Peter Weller). Appealing to special effects fans. Director, Irvin Kershner.
Cannon Chelsea (071-352 5096) Odeons: Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) West End (071-930 5252/7615) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ ROMUALD AND JULIETTE (12): Coline Serreau's social comedy about a married factory boss who falls for his West Indian cleaning lady. Long-winded, but with disarming performances from Daniel Auteuil and newcomer Firmine Richard.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ TOTAL RECALL (18): Imaginative ideas poke through this lavish fantasy about Arnold Schwarzenegger liberating Mars.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ TROP BELLE POUR TOI! (18): Gérard Depardieu dithers between his wife and mistress. Stylish satire on marital mores from Bertrand Blier.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ WILD AT HEART (18): David Lynch's rollicking tale of psychotic evil and sexual passion: the same ingredients as *Blue Velvet*, though the results are far more inconsequential. Starring Nicolas Cage.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on *Baker Street* (071-935 2772).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only.
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ AFTER THE FALL: Arthur Miller sorting out love, guilt and marriage. Bewitching performance by Josette Simon.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.15pm. Running time 2hrs 55mins. In repertory.

☐ BREL: The chansons of Jacques Brel lose their Gallic edge in this uneven show, although the words and music are always good to hear.
Theatre Museum, Russell Street, WC2 (071-836 2330). Tues-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, Sun 3pm, Sat 5pm. Underground: Covent Garden. Running time 1hr 45mins. Price of ticket includes entry to galleries.

▨ THE CRUCIBLE: Tom Wilkinson stands up for decency against a frantic Clare Holman and other Demons in a strongly cast production.
National Theatre (Olivier). Tonight, 7.15pm. Running time 3hrs 30mins. In repertory.

☐ THE FACTORY GIRLS: Donegal girls on strike in Frank McGuinness's revival: authentic bickering but feeble ending.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Underground: Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time, 2hrs.

☐ FENCES: Yaphet Kotto plays the embittered baseball star in the latest of August Wilson's saga of plays about the misfortunes of black America.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat 8pm, mats Tues, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. Running time 3hrs.

☐ GASPING: John Gordon Sinclair and Jim Carter in Ben Elton's greenish comedy. Rather over the top but lots of laughs.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground: Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 8.30pm, mats Fri and Sat, 5pm. Running time 2hrs 30mins.

▨ HIDDEN LAUGHTER: Felicity Kendal, Peter Barkworth in Simon Gray's thought-provoking play about family betrayals.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat, 5pm. Running time 2hrs 15mins.

☐ HOW TICKLED I AM: Unashamedly old-style but slick and rapid bombardment of jokes from Ken Dodd.
London Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-437 7373). Underground: Oxford Circus. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time 3hrs.

▨ INTO THE WOODS: Sondheim's witty mix of fairytales, grimmer than Grimm in the first half, turns soppy thereafter.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-240 9661). Underground: Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm. Running time, 2hrs 50mins.

☐ KEAN: Derek Jacobi in splendid form as the low-born actor with a lifelong identity problem.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Underground/BR: Waterloo. Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 3pm. Running time 2hrs 45mins.

■ LOVE LETTERS: Elaine Stritch and George Peppard take over reading a lifetime of letters in A.R. Gurney's piano play.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Underground: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time, 2hrs.

▨ MAD FOREST: Caryl Churchill's "state of Romania" play, brilliantly imagined though over-fond of the significant pause.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. Running time 2hrs 40mins.

▨ ONCE IN A WHILE THE ODD THING HAPPENS: Benjamin Britten meets Peter Pears: a love story with music, able performances but not enough meat.
National Theatre (Cottesloe). Tonight, 7.30pm. Running time 2hrs. In repertory.

☐ OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY: Paul Rogers, Maria Aitken, Martin Shaw as boss, lawyer and shark in entertaining Wall Street takeover drama, excellent at times.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686). Underground: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

☐ OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden puffs, Michael Williams panics, in latest Ray Cooney farce.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Underground: Holborn. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat 8.30pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. Running time 2hrs 15mins.

▨ PRIVATE LIVES: Keith Baxter, Joan Collins and Sara Crowe in Coward's comedy.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Underground: Covent Garden. Mon-Fri 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time 2hrs 15mins.

☐ RAFTS AND DREAMS: Robert Holman's surrealist fantasy sets an emotionally troubled group adrift in a flooded world. Well worth a visit. Ends Saturday.
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Underground: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Running time 2hrs.

▨ REDEVELOPMENT: How not to build the city of the future: deft architectural/political fable by Havel, his last play before becoming president of Czechoslovakia.
Orange Tree, 45 Kew Road, Richmond (081-940 3633). Underground: Richmond. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm. Running time 2hrs 20mins.

▨ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's study of a callous seduction. Ends Saturday.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Underground: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat, 4pm. Running time 2hrs 30mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ▨ Absurd Person Singular: Whitehall Theatre (071-867 1119). ■ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972). ▨ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115). ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072). ☐ Man of the Moment: Globe (071-437 3667). ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611). ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909). ■ Miss Saigon: (postal bookings only) Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108). ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's Theatre (071-836 1443). ■ The Phantom of the Opera: (postal bookings only) Her Majesty's Theatre (071-839 2244). ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299). ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-836 8243). ▨ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York's (071-836 5122). ▨ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information on member theatres supplied by Society of West End Theatre.

TODAY'S EVENTS

ATTILA: Verdi's early opera chronicles the Hun's rampaging forays into Italy in music of ringing declamation and considerable passion. Never before staged at the Royal Opera, it is conducted by Edward Downes, with Ruggero Raimondi in the title role and Josephine Barstow as the avenging heroine. The production is by Elijah Moshinsky.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 7.30pm.

BBC SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: The Corporation band continues its 60th anniversary season with an exciting all-Russian 20th-century programme: Stravinsky, Rachmaninov and the Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 2 with Kyoko Takezawa as the soloist. Andrew Davis conducts. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

JOHN WAIN: Doyen of the new realism of the Fifties, John Wain looks back (presumably not in anger) at that age of gritty realism, room at the top and kitchen-sink drama. His talk, part of the South Bank's "Brave New Worlds" series, is called "Angry Young and Upwardly-Mobile". Voice Box, Festival Hall (see above), 7.30pm.

FROM CHAGALL TO KITAJ: Fine exhibition of Jewish art in the 20th century, even if the question of what constitutes Jewishness in art is obscured by the sheer variety of the material on offer.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (071-588 9023), 10am-6.45pm.

ETON TREASURES: Eton College's 550th-anniversary celebrations spread briefly to London with this exhibition of 36 pieces from the school's 16th-century silver collection.
Sotheby's, 34/35 New Bond St, London W1 (071-408 4167), 9am-4.30pm.

EXTEMPORARY DANCE THEATRE: Extemporary's new artistic director Sean Walsh directs *A Flaming Desire*, which updates the Faust legend to the present-day.
The Place, Duke's Road, London WC1 (071-387 0031), 8pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 22

ROTHER
(a) The ancient name for an ox or cow, from the Old English *hryther* a cow or ox, cf. the German plural *Rinder* horned cattle: Shakespeare *Timon of Athens*: "It is the Pastour Lards the rothers [a brilliant and persuasive emendation for 'brothers' in the texts] sides."

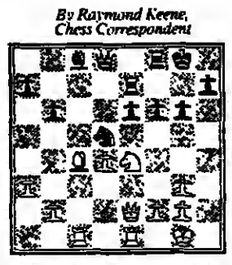
TALUK
(a) A tract of proprietary land, the subdivision of a district, a collectorate in the old Indian Empire, from the Hindi *ta'alluq* an estate: Wellington: "He may hereafter plunder the remainder of that taluk."

LENTISK
(c) The mastic tree, *Pistacia lentiscus*, from the Latin name *lentiscus*: "Who courteous bade us on soft beds recline/Of lentisk, and young branches of the vine."

SOETKOEKIE
(a) A traditional South African spiced biscuit, from the Afrikaans *soet* sweet + *koek* cake + *-ie* the characteristic Cape Dutch diminutive: "I have heard of a special ginger beer which is brewed during Christmas week, and served with soetkoekies."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



This position is from the game Speelman (White) – Hodgson (Black), New York 1990. In this innocent looking position, White forces immediate resignation. Can you see how? Solution in tomorrow's *Times*. Solution to the competition position (October 13): 1 Qg8+. The winners are Mr Paul Jackson, Bournemouth, Dorset, Olive Fackrell, Llanelli, Dyfed, and Mr R. Gedling, Epsom.

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TELEVISION & RADIO

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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax

6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Nicholas Witchell and Jill Dando

8.50 Daytime UK introduced by Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers in Birmingham and Adrian Mills in Manchester

9.00 News, regional news and weather 9.05 Brainwave. *Andy Craig* with the quiz game from Liverpool 9.25 Dish of the Day. Rosemary Moon with another recipe 9.30 People Today. Adrian Mills, Debi Jones, Ronke Phillips and Leila Aitken answer viewers' questions

10.00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's BBC introduced by Simon Parkin begins with Playdays 10.25 The Family Ness. Cartoon adventures (r) 10.35 People Today. The *Kitchen Call* team answer viewers' queries

11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a topical discussion

11.45 Before Noon. Adrian Mills and Ronke Phillips with viewers' telephone calls

12.00 News, regional news and weather

12.05 After Noon - Antiques Roadshow Gems. Hugh Scully with a selection of memorable extracts from the *Antiques Roadshow* series 12.20 Scene Today. Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers with the daily entertainment show from Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Four Square. Quiz show 2.15 The Six Million Dollar Man: Love Song for Tanya. The man of many spare parts protects a visiting Russian gymnast

3.00 Hudson and Halls. The camp Kiwi cooks are joined by comedian Bernie Winters 3.25 Head of the Class. American comedy set in a class of gifted but obnoxious students

3.50 Fireman Sam. Cartoon fun 4.05 A Bear Behind 4.10 The Chipmunks 4.25 Pigsty. Comedy series set in a pizza café 4.35 Thundercats. Cartoon

4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather

6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

7.00 Wogan. Among the guests is actress Maureen Lipman

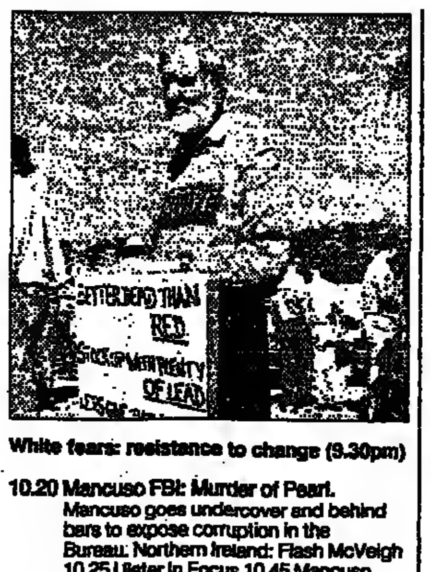
7.30 Watchdog includes an item on how British Gas deals with complaints

8.00 Telly Addicts: The Allmen family based in Milton Keynes against the Boulters of Nottingham

8.30 'Allo 'Allo! Resistance farce with Gorden Kaye. (r). (Ceefax)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather

9.30 Panorama: The White Tribe of Africa. The second of two reports by David Dimbleby in South Africa looks at the white minority and how far it is reconciled to change.



White fears: resistance to change (9.30pm)

10.20 Mancuso FBI: Murder of Pearl. Mancuso goes undercover and behind bars to expose corruption in the Bureau. Northern Ireland: Flash McVeigh 10.25 Ulster in Focus 10.45 Mancuso FBI

11.05 The Rock 'n' Roll Years. 1973 — the year that saw the end of the Vietnam conflict and the start of the miners' strike. With musical memories provided by Elton John and Suzie Quatro, among others (r)

11.35 Help Your Child with Reading presented by Maggie Philbin.

11.50 Advice Shop investigates the child benefit system. Northern Ireland: 11.45 The Rock 'n' Roll Years 12.15am-12.45 Advice Shop 12.20am Weather

BBC 2

8.00 News

8.15 Westminster. The BBC parliamentary team with a round-up of the business from the Lords and the Commons

8.30 Daytime on Two: the quality of drinking water 9.00 A walk along the Appian Way 9.15 For people with learning difficulties 9.40 Mathematical investigations 10.00 Storytime 10.18 Clicks and claps to make rhythm patterns 10.40 What is believing? For seven to 11-year-olds 11.00 Energy generated by water 11.22 *Me and My Bike*, a science drama 11.35 Aesthetics and design 11.55 An environmental controversy 12.15 Trade union affairs since the second world war 12.35 Equal opportunities for disabled school leavers 1.00 Infra-red light and ultrasonic sound 1.20 Pigeon Street 1.40 Lancashire children question the *prime minister on water* pollution

2.00 News and weather followed by Storytime

2.15 Songs of Praise from Rostrevor in County Down (r). (Ceefax)

2.50 Behind the Screen. A preview of *Twin Peaks*, the new series directed by cult film-maker David Lynch, which begins tomorrow on BBC2.

3.00 News and weather followed by Wideworld: The Last Hunters. A documentary about the dwindling number of eskimo whale hunters (r) 3.50 News, regional news and weather

4.00 Call My Bluff. Robert Robinson referees a contest of word meanings between Arthur Marshall and Frank Muir. The guests are Mike Read, Jancis Robinson, Jane Glover and Spike Milligan (r)

Powerful challenge: Anne Kelleher (4.30pm)

4.30 Fighting Talk.
● CHOICE: A series of interviews by the philosopher and writer Anne Kelleher sets out to challenge the assumptions of those with the power and influence to affect our lives. This afternoon's conversation with Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors, was not recorded in time for previewing. Tomorrow's was and suggests that *Fighting Talk* will live up to its title and offer some lively encounters. Kelleher, who presented a provocative *Byline* programme on marriage, is a sharp and intelligent questioner who is not afraid to ruffle feathers. Her interrogation of Sir John Woodcock, chief inspector of constabulary, goes straight to the heart of such matters as corruption, racism and the handling of public demonstrations. Whether Kelleher should so obviously reveal herself as being on the side of the police's critics, instead of adopting the television interviewer's traditionally neutral role, is a good question

5.00 Film: Colorado Territory (1949, b/w) starring Joel McCrea, Virginia Mayo and Dorothy Malone. A powerful, fast-moving remake of *High Sierra* about an outlaw who escapes from prison and is persuaded to take part in one more robbery before retiring. Directed by Raoul Walsh

6.35 DEF II: Dance Energy. Normski introduces the up-to-the-minute dance magazine

7.15 Open Space: Children of Fire.
● CHOICE: The community access series starts a new series by offering the slot normally occupied by domestic issues to Mai Masri, a Palestinian film-maker, for a personal view of life on the occupied left bank of Israel. Her approach, highly effective, is to leave aside political slogans and concentrate on the human dimension, with special reference to the children. Returning to her home town of Nablus after 14 years, she finds the place under curfew and a family devastated with grief for their son, killed by Israeli soldiers. It is some days before the body is returned for burial and meanwhile children of five and six roam the streets, throwing stones against the Israeli occupiers. The tragedy is that the youngsters have known nothing else and the *psychological impact of living in a state* of war is incalculable. (Ceefax)

8.05 Eyes on the Prize: Back to the Movement. The final part of this excellent documentary series tracing the struggle for black equality and civil rights in America since the war

9.05 Film: The Big Bus (1976) starring Joseph Bologna and Stockard Channing. The world's first nuclear-powered bus sets off across the plains of America, but with rival interests and prospective thieves queuing up to try to sabotage it. One of the earlier send-ups of the disaster movie genre, it loses not a single opportunity for a gag or word play. The result is not as funny as *Airplane*, but they try just as hard. Directed by James Frawley. (Ceefax)

10.30 Newsnight.

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine 11.55 Weather

12.00 Fighting Talk. See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

ITV LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Maya Even and, from 7.00, by Mike Morris and Lorraine Kelly. At 8.10, in the first of a week-long series on truancy, its causes and extent are investigated. In the *Doc Spots* at 6.20 and 8.35 Dr Hilary Jones discusses cholesterol and *heart disease. At 8.50* Wacaday, entertainment for children presented by Timmy Mallett

9.25 Jeopardy! Chris Donat has the answers, his contestants must guess the questions 9.55 Thames News and weather

10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . John Stapleton chairs a topical discussion

10.40 This Morning. Family-oriented magazine show presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Prince Edward joins the programme as a presenter when he talks about the Duke of Edinburgh's award scheme, and those who have attempted to achieve a gold award

12.05 Rosie and Jim. Children's entertainment 12.25 Home and Away. 12.55 Thames News and weather

1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather

1.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley and John Murray preview this week's programmes of *Thames Help* dealing with food issues. 1.50 A Country Practice. Australian drama set in a community health clinic in the outback

2.20 Magnum. Glossy adventures of a Hawaii-based private detective 3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families. Bi-continental soap featuring families in Australia and the north of England

3.55 Bugs Bunny and Friends. Cartoons (r) 4.15 The Sooty Show with Matthew Corbett 4.40 Count Duckula featuring the voice of David Jason

5.10 Who's the Boss? American sitcom

5.40 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather

5.55 Thames Help with advice on breast feeding

6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather

7.00 The Krypton Factor. Gordon Burns hosts the final of Group B, in which contestants attempt to move closer to November's grand final. (Oracle)

7.30 Coronation Street. The first of the week's three visits to the Rover's Return (Oracle)

8.00 French Fields. Lightweight comedy series starring Anton Rodgers and Julia McKenzie as an English couple living in France

8.30 World in Action: Inside Today's KGB. Oleg Gordievsky, the former double agent in the KGB, reveals the complicated world of Soviet intelligence and conducts a "masterclass" in the dirty tricks of espionage

9.00 Shelley. The once subversive sitcom has sadly settled for more conventional humour. *Shelley believes that he is* first choice for best man when he is asked by Phil, who is attempting to tie the knot for the third time. Shelley may be acceptable to Phil, but will he be good enough for the bride's mother? Starring Hywel Bennett, David Ryall and Maria Aitken

9.30 That's Love. Comedy series about the trials of true love. Tonight Donald's determination to prove his innocence of infidelity leads him to make a date with Laurel. Starring Jimmy Mulville, Diana Hardcastle and Liza Goddard. (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Trevor McDonald. Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.40 Film: A Fistful of Dollars (1966). Stars Clint Eastwood, Gian Maria Volonte, and Marianne Koch. A wandering gunfighter rides into a town on the Mexican border where two gangs are involved in a deadly feud. He joins in, earning money from both sides and swearing loyalty to none but himself. The first Clint Eastwood spaghetti Western to introduce the Man with No Name is stylish, brooding and violent as it explores the theme that nobody is good and those with few morals make the best heroes. The plot was borrowed from Kurosawa's *Yojimbo* and, like his other masterpiece *Seven Samurai*, translates well as a Western. Directed by Sergio Leone. Followed by News headlines

12.25am Sportsworld Extra. Action from the British super-featherweight title as Joey Jacobs defends his title against Hugh Forde, plus a review of the weekend's football news

1.25 Film: The Keys of the Kingdom (1944, b/w) starring Gregory Peck, Thomas Mitchell and Vincent Price. *When The Rev McNabb sees that* Francis Chisholm is torn between two loves — a woman and the priesthood — he suggests that he go to China as a missionary. Rambling adaptation of an A J Cronin novel, which has really been engineered as a star vehicle for Peck, who does well in his first major role. Directed by John M Stahl. Followed by News headlines

4.00 American College Football. Pittsburgh play Syracuse

5.00 ITN Morning News with Gilly Carter. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Art of Landscape. Film of the natural world accompanied by music

8.20 Business Daily

6.30 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 Schools

12.00 Anything Goes. Paul Barnes and Anthea Turner visit Britain's top tourist attractions, some familiar, some undiscovered. In this programme they try out two different activities in north Staffordshire, there is a visit to the National Garden Festival in Gateshead and a look at a new sculpture trail in the Chilterns (r)

12.30 Business Daily presented by Dermot Murnaghan

1.00 Sesame Street. Educational fun for *pre-school children*

2.00 Film: Jew Süss (1934, b/w) starring Conrad Veidt, Frank Vosper and Benita Hume. A compelling indictment of racial intolerance adapted from Leon Feuchtwangler's novel. A Jewish ghetto dweller in 18th-century Wurtemburg uses a combination of cunning and ruthlessness to further the cause of his people. Directed by Lothar Mendes

4.00 Vintage. Hugh Johnson tells the story of wine, from its birth to its newest forms now emerging from the hi-tech wineries of California and Australia (r)

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. William G. Stewart hosts the quiz show

5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show

6.00 Roseanne. Sitcom starring Roseanne Barr as a housewife and mother who thrives on one-liners and rapier-like wit. John Goodman is her loyal and understanding husband (t)

6.30 Happy Days. High-school comedy set in the Fifties. Fonz falls in love with an older woman from a different social background, none of this dampens his ardour but, when he finds out she is married, the real problems come to light

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi

7.50 Comment followed by Weather

8.00 Brookside. Liverpudlian soap that charts the trials and tribulations of the residents of a suburban cul-de-sac. (Teletext)

8.30 Don't Quote Me. Geoffrey Perkins hosts the last in the series of the panel game in which two teams battle to answer questions on prophecy and prediction with guests who include Rory McGrath, John Biffen MP and Mark Lawson

Classroom campaigns: rural terror (9.00pm)

9.00 Terror: The Death of Reason.
● CHOICE: Television's facility for getting into the world's trouble spots is illustrated by an admirably lucid account of the ten-year-old civil war in Chile. Whether it fulfils the promise of the series to get to the roots of modern terrorism is more arguable. As in last week's documentary about the Israel-Palestine conflict, the accent is more on narrative than analysis and there is a reluctance to draw general conclusions. *The Death of Reason* follows the bloody struggle between ostensibly democratic government and the guerrillas of Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path), in which at least 20,000 people have died. The film highlights Sendero's Maoist tactic of creating power vacuums in rural areas and attributes its rise to poverty and racism in a country where a minority of wealthy whites of European descent control the dark-skinned poor. Both sides have resorted to acts of terror and the real victims are the peasants, many widowed or orphaned

10.00 Centrepoint. Four-part thriller, stronger on theme than narrative, which spans three decades and follows a *young man's search for the truth about* his father, who apparently died in a car crash in 1979. Starring Bob Peck, Cheryl Campbell and Murray Head.

11.00 Fresno. A spoof soap, that could be a lot funnier, but still has its moments, based on the Californian raisin industry and two warring families. Starring Dabney Coleman

12.00 Evil: Confronting Evil. Last in the series that examines why we are perplexed, repelled and fascinated by evil. The programme looks at the atrocities committed in the second world war and tries to discover what makes people such as Dennis Nilsen and Peter Sutcliffe become mass murderers (Teletext)

1.00am Fortunata and Jacinta. Episode seven of the ten-part adaptation of Benito Perez Galdos' novel, which tells the story of two women who love the same man, one his wife, the other his mistress (r). Ends at 2.00

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines

7.00 Morning Concert: The English Concert under Pinnock, with Alfred Brendel, piano, performs Liszt (Les Jeux d'eau à la Villa d'Este); Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra under Boskovsky performs J. Strauss, son (Roses from the South)

7.30 News

7.35 Morning Concert (cont): The Philharmonia Orchestra under Giulini performs (The Thieving Magpie); City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Louis Frémaux, with Cristina Ortiz, performs Poulenc (Piano Concerto); David Theodore, oboe; and Ian Brown, piano, perform Nielsen (Two Fantasias, Op 2); Royal Opera House Orchestra under Ermler performs Arensky (Variations on a Theme by Tchaikovsky)

8.30 News

8.35 Composers of the Week: Steve Reich. Pat Metheny, guitar, performs Electric Counterpoint; Russ Hartenberger, with the composer, perform Clapping Music; Nurit Tilles and Edmund Niemann, pianos, perform Piano Phase; Sherri Gubbory, violin, performs Violin Phase

9.35 Shades of Night and Day: Herbert Weissberg and Raphael Leone, flutes, Robert Freund, Alois Schlor, horns, perform Haydn (Notturni for two flutes and two horns, H 11 D5); Marcia Crayford, violin, Christopher van Kampen, cello, and Clifford Benson, piano, perform Schubert (Adagio in E Flat, Notturno, D 897); The Czech Philharmonic Orchestra under Neumann, with Vera Soukupova, mezzo, performs Jaroslav Kricka (Northern Lights); Orlando String Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Op 76, No 4, Sunrise); Bournemouth Sinfonietta and the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir under del Mar, with Frederick Liddle, violin, perform Vaughan Williams (Flos Campi); Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati performs Haydn (Symphony No 7 in C, Le Midi). Margaret Phillips, organ, performs Buxtehude (Canzona in C, WV 166), Sweelinck (Paduana Lachrimae); Buxtehude ("Gigue" Fugue in C, WV 174); Philharmonia Hungarica under Antal Dorati performs Haydn (Symphony No 6 in G, Le Soir)

12.00 BBC Philharmonic under Heinz Wallberg, with Justus Franz, piano, performs Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K 503); Hindemith (Symphonic Metamorphosis of Themes by Weber)

1.00pm News

1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: Live from St. John's, Smith Square. Robert Holl, bass-baritone, and Rudolf Jansen, piano, perform Beethoven (Six Songs to Sacred Texts by Gellert, Op 48; An die Hoffnung, Op 94); Schubert (Hymne I; Litanei; Marie; Nachthymne); Pfitzner (Three Sonnets, Op 41)

2.05 Third Opinion (r)

2.50 The BBC Concert Orchestra under the late Ashley Lawrence performs excerpts from Paul Reade's ballet Hobson's Choice

3.50 Cello and Fortepiano: Sebastian Comberti and Carole Cerasi perform Helene Liebmann (Sonata for [illegible] and Piano); Ferdinand Ries (Sonata for Cello and Piano, Op 37)

4.30 Gloucester Cathedral 900th Anniversary: David Briggs, organ, performs Bach (Toccata and Fugue in D minor, BWV 565); Brahms (Chorale-preludes, Op 122, Nos 9 and 10); Naji Hakim (The Embrace of Fire); Cochereau (Variations)

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure introduced by Brian Wright

7.00 News

7.05 Third Ear: The South African actor and writer John Kani talks to Paul Allen

7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Sixtieth Anniversary Season. Live from the Festival Hall. The BBC SO under Andrew Davis performs Stravinsky (Symphony in C); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2); 8.30 Speak Memory. Hugh Dickson reads Vladimir Nabokov's memoirs from his St Petersburg schooldays; 8.50 Rachmaninov (Symphonic Dances, Op 45)

9.35 Poet of the Month: Edwin Morgan reads from his translations of the Italian poet Eugenio Montale

9.45 I Am Goya: Nigel Osborne's work performed by the Park Lane Players under Michael Lankester

9.55 Glasgow Jazz Festival 1990: Maynard Ferguson's Big Bop Nouveau Band

11.30 Composers of the Week: *Monteverdi (L'Orfeo, Acts 2 and 3)* (r) 12.30am News

1.00 Night School (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer For The Day with the Reverend Pauline Warner (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather

8.35 The Week On 4 8.43 Return Ticket: Robert Edwards remembers the birth of the first test tube baby, Louise Brown (s) 8.57 Weather 9.00 News

9.05 Start the Week with Melvyn Bragg and guests (s)

10.00 News; Money Box (r)

10.30 Morning Story: The Voice That Breathed o'er Eden, by Margaret Barrington, read by Eleanor Bron

10.45 Daily Service from Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, University of London (s)

11.00 News; Down Your Way: Phil Smith explores the Yorkshire Dales (r)

11.40 Poetry Please! Simon Rae introduces your poetry requests. Readers Elaine Ives-Cameron and John Matshikiza, with guest Derek Walcott (s)

12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard. The third of the weekly series about recent health scares looks at outbreaks of botulism

12.25pm Counterpoint: The fourth heat in the general knowledge music competition, chaired by Ned Sherrin (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour with Jenni Murray. Serial: *An Awfully Big Adventure*. The fourth of eight parts, read by the author, Beryl Bainbridge

3.00 News; Tom, Dickon, Harry, by Christopher Denys. In 1484 a man with a future, a great lady, a man with a past and the founder of the communication revolution meet in an awful pub on Alderley Edge, and English history lurches forward. Maurice Denham plays Tom, with Fiona Walker as Lady Margaret, John Rowe as Caxton, Mary Wimbush as Old Joan, Neville Barber as Dickon and Jenny Luckraft as Joan (s)

4.30 Kaleidoscope. The American author John Updike has brought his rumbustious Rabbit, hero of four novels, back in *Rabbit at Rest*. Paul Vaughan talks to Updike at his home in Massachusetts about Rabbit, and his place in the American literary tradition (s)

5.00 PM with Valerie Singleton and Hugh Sykes 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather

6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report

6.30 The News Quiz: Topical quiz hosted by Barry Took (s) (r)

7.00 News

7.05 The Archers

7.20 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper (r)

7.45 The Monday Play: The Importance of Being Frank.
● CHOICE: Only someone soaked in the trials and tribulations of Oscar Wilde could have thought up this darkish comedy, and only someone who knows *The Importance of Being Earnest* inside out could have written it. But only a playwright of breathtaking audacity, such as Tom Holland, would have dared to use *The Importance* as the framework for a bizarre reinterpretation of Wilde's downfall, and only a skilled writer could have pulled it off with such style. To give a flavour of what Holland has done: his Marquis of Queensberry and Bosie are metamorphosed into Lady Bracknell and Algernon, Ernest is Wilde in all but name, and the famous cloakroom in Victoria Station has now become an infamous urinal. The Brighton line is unchanged

9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White (s) 9.59 Weather

10.00 The World Tonight with Richard Kershaw (s)

10.45 A Book At Bedtime: Jonathan Son of Jeremiah. Short novel by Vahan Totovents, set in Armenia, tells the story of Andreas, an aged potter. First of five parts, read by Andrew Sachs (s)

11.00 Largely Walters. John Walters lends his wit and wisdom to stories from around the country. This week he tackles the subject of food (r)

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather

12.33-12.43 Shipping Forecast

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m,1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m: FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m: FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m, FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m, FM 94.9. Melody FM 104.9.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky World Review 5.30 International Business Report Week 8.00 DJ Kat Show 8.45 Panel Pot-Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 Sky by Day 12.00 True Confessions 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 Another World 1.50 As the World Turns 2.45 Loving 3.15 Three's Company 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Star Trek 6.00 Sale of the Century 6.30 Family Ties 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 ALF 8.00 Bluegrass 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 The Hitchhiker 11.00 Star Trek 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

5.00am Sky News Overnight 5.30 International Business Report Week 6.00 Sky News Europe 6.30 Sky News International 9.30 48 Hours 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.00 Sky News 11.30 Beyond 2000 1.30pm NBC Today —Part One 2.30 Parliament Live 4.00 Sky News International 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 7.30 Sky News International 8.30 Frank Bough 9.30 48 Hours 11.30 NBC Nightly News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 48 Hours 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES

6.00 Showcase
10.00 The Dove
11.45 Carousel. Screen adaptation of the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical
2.00pm Breaking Away. Dennis Christopher and Dennis Quaid star in this charming comedy
4.00 The Glo-Friends: The Movie. Cartoon adventures
6.00 The Quick and the Dead. A pioneer family are threatened by bandits
8.00 Burglar. Whoopi Goldberg stars in this frantic comedy
10.00 The Witches of Eastwick: Three women (Michelle Pfeiffer, Susan Sarandon, Cher) summon up a "horny little devil" in the shape of Jack Nicholson
12.10am Nobody's Fool. A small-town woman strives to become an actress. With Rosanna Arquette and Eric Roberts
2.00 The Brood: Chilling horror yarn with Oliver Reed
4.00 Leader of the Band: Comedy following the fortunes of a musician, with Steve Landesburg

EUROSPORT

5.00am As Sky One 6.30 European Power Lifting Championships 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Trax 12.00 Formula One Motor Racing Grand Prix of Japan 2.00 Snooker 4.00 A Day at the Beach 5.00 Rowing 5.30 Equestrianism 7.00 Surfer Magazine 7.30 Eurosport News 8.00 Baseball 9.00 World Snooker 10.00 Boxing 11.00 American College Football 12.30am Eurosport News 1.00 Close

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Powersports International 8.00 Rodeo 10.00 Boxing 11.30 Polo 12.30pm Rodeo 1.00 American Football 2.00 "Go" Dutch Motor Sports 3.00 Motor Sport 4.00 Motor Sport 5.00 Baseball 7.30 Spanish Football Roundup 8.00 Boxing 9.30 The Sports Show 10.30 Motor Sport 11.30 Tennis

MTV

7.00am Nineteen hours of rock and pop music

LIFESTYLE

10am Everyday Workout 10.30 Search for Tomorrow 10.55 Coffee Break 11.00 We're Cooking Now 11.35 The Edge of Night 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50 What's Cooking? 1.00 Great American Gameshows 2.10 Divorce Court 2.30 Rafferty's Rules 3.30 It's Your Lifestyle 3.40 Home Shop Lifestyle 4.05 Great American Gameshows 5.20 Tea Break 5.30 The Tony Randall Show 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close

BSB MOVIES

2.10pm The Movie Show
2.40 Loser Takes All (1956). Stars Glynis Johns and Rossano Brazzi. A newly-wedded couple spend their honeymoon in Monte Carlo and play the casino tables, with a devastating effect on their marriage
4.25 Play It Cool (1962 b/w). Rock 'n' roll comedy starring Billy Fury and Michael Anderson Jr
6.00 The Ewok Adventure: Caravan of Courage (1984). Fantasy adventure starring Eric Walker and Warwick Davis
8.00 La Cage Aux Folles III: The Wedding (1985). Michel Serrault, Ugo Tognazzi, Michel Galabru in a second sequel to the 1978 hit film
10.00 A Prayer for the Dying (1987): Starring Bob Hoskins, Alan Bates and Mickey Rourke. A disillusioned IRA hitman is talked into one last job
11.55 Invasion of the Body Snatchers (1978). Starring Donald Sutherland, Brooke Adams and Leonard Nimoy. A San Francisco doctor notices strange behaviour among his friends and colleagues, and discovers that their bodies have been taken over by alien duplicates
2.00am La Cage Aux Folles III: The Wedding

BSB GALAXY

7.00am Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 7.30 Mix-It 8.30 Playabout 8.45 Mrs Pepperpot 9.00 Bewitched 9.30 Wife of the Week 10.00 The Movie Show 10.30 One False Move 11.00 La Trivista 11.30 31 West 12.00 Jupiter Moon 12.30pm The Bold and the Beautiful 1.00 Corrigan and Womack 1.30 Secret Army 2.30 The Young and the Restless 3.25 Sinbad Junior 3.30 Playabout 3.45 Mrs Pepperpot 4.00 Danger Bay 4.30 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles 5.00 Mix-It 6.00 31 West 6.30 Jupiter Moon 7.00 Are You Being Served? 7.30 One False Move 8.00 China Beach 9.00 Growing Pains 9.30 Designing Women 10.00 La Trivista 10.30 Up Yer News! 10.45 Combat 11.45 The Movie Show 12.15am The Happening 1.45 Up Yer News! 2.00 The Burns and Allen Show 2.30 Homeroom 3.00 Young and Restless

BSB SPORT

1.25pm Sportsdesk 1.30 Scottish Football 3.30 Rugby League: Australian Tour 5.00 Tuff Trax 6.00 Sportsdesk 6.30 American Wrestling 7.30 Sportsdesk 8.00 The Main Event: Italian Football 10.00 Sportsdesk 10.30 Superbouts 11.30 Racing Today 12.00 Sportsdesk 12.30am Italian Football

BSB NOW

6.00am The Day Today 8.15 High Street 8.45 Plat du Jour 9.00 The Day Today 9.15 The Jane Wallace Show 10.00 Mad about Animals 10.30 Aerobicise 11.00 Frost on Sunday 11.50 First Edition Highlights 12.00 The Day Today 12.15pm European Business Today 12.45 VIP 1.00 Gardener's World 1.30 You Can Do It 1.45 Parenting 2.00 The Italians: Sicilian Fisherman 2.30 The Jane Wallace Show 3.15 Plat du Jour 3.30 Sell-a-Vision 4.00 The VIP Show 4.45 Driving with Mike Smith 5.15 Parenting 5.30 World Alive 6.00 High Street 6.30 Gardener's World 7.00 First Edition 7.45 You Can Do It 8.00 Take Six Cooks 8.30 Animals of Africa 9.00 Nine 9.45 Now Listen 10.00 Inside Gorbachev's USSR 11.00 Gardener's World 11.30 European Business Today 12.00 First Edition 12.45am VIP

BSB POWER

7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
5.00am Gary King 6.30 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies visits Perth 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News 90 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier 9.00 In Concert Classic: Four Tops 10.00-2.00am Bob Harris

RADIO 2

FM Stereo
4.00am Alex Lester 5.30 Chris Stuart 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Roy Hudd 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg 7.30 Alan Dell 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton 10.00 Ken Bruce 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.30 Double Bill 1.00-4.00 Night Ride

RADIO 5

MW
6.00am World Service: News and Twenty-four Hours 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Take Five 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 for toddlers 10.45 Internal Assonance 11.00 Sport 11.02 The Family Business, incl 12.00 News, Sport 12.30pm The Leading Edge 3 Fay Weldon 1.00 Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 Sport 2.05 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 2.30 World Service: 2.30 Society Today 2.45 Personal View 3.00 Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 The Fourth World 4.05 Science in Action 4.35 Five Aside 7.20 Magic, Tricks and Lies 7.35 The Ship from Simnel Street Episode 2 8.05 How We Lived Then 8.20 Euro-Mix 9.00 Macbeth. Part 3 9.30 The Mix, incl 10.00, 11.00 Sport 11.08 World Service: 11.08 The World of Books 11.38 The World Today 11.53 Words of Faith 11.58-12.05am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 6.00am Morgenmagazin 6.35 News in German, Headlines in English and French 6.47 Press Review 6.52 The Week Ahead 6.58 Weather and Travel News 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Londres Matin 7.59 Weather 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty-four Hours followed by News Summary and Financial News 8.30 The Science of Sound 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.09 Review of the British Press 10.15 Talking From 10.30 Financial News Live 10.35 Sports Roundup 10.45 Andy Kershaw 11.00 News Summary 11.01 In Search of the Green Man 11.30 The Vintage Chart Show 12.00 World News 12.09pm News About Britain 12.15 Health Matters 12.30 Multi-Magazine 12.59 Travel News 1.00 Newsreel 1.15 Back to Square One 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 World News 2.01 Twenty-four Hours, News Summary and Financial News 2.30 Andy Kershaw 2.45 Personal View 3.00 Outlook, opening with World News 3.30 Off the Shelf: The Sorrows of Young Werther 3.45 Talking From 4.00 Newsreel 4.15 In My Life: Lennon Remembered 5.00 World News 5.09 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 News 6.09 Commentary 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Londres Soir 7.14 News, headlines in English 7.15 BBC English 7.30 Heute Aktuell 8.00 German features: Forum; Bookshop 8.54 News in German 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 The Vintage Chart Show 10.00 News Summary; Sports Roundup 10.15 Europe's World 10.30 Sports International 11.00 Newshour 12.00 World News 12.05am Commentary 12.10 Financial News 12.15 Poems by Post 12.30 Multitrack 1 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Megamix 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Outlook 2.25 Financial News 2.30 Personal View 2.45 Europe's World 3.00 World News 3.09 Review of the British Press 3.15 Network UK 3.30 Sports International 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 The World Today 4.30 John Peel 5.00 Newsdesk 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News and Press Review in German

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 Gardens for All 2.20-3.15 *Matlock* 5.10-5.40 European Skateboarding Championships 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Journeys 11.10 Film: The Dark 1.00am Sportsworld Extra 2.00 The Fugitive 3.00 The ITV Chart Show 4.00-5.00 The Silk Road

BORDER

As London except: 1.20pm-3.15 Film: The Man Who Wouldn't Walk 5.10-5.40 Home and *Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday* 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 12.40am Film: When World's Collide 2.10 The Twilight Zone 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.05 Books by my Bedside 3.55 Night Flight 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 Yan Can Cook 2.20-3.15 Donahue 5.10-5.40 Wanted — Dead or Alive 6.25-7.00 *Central News* 10.40 Film. The Amateur (John Savage, Christopher *Plummer*) 12.45am Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.45 Film. Out of Defy 3.35 Wrestling 4.30-5.00 *Central Jobfinder '90*

GRANADA

As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 The Body Works 2.20 Tell the Truth 2.50-3.15 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Survival 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 The Equalizer 12.30am When Worlds Collide 2.10 The Twilight Zone 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.05 Books by my Bedside 3.35 Night Flight 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.20pm Gardening Time 1.50 The Sullivans 2.20-3.15 Santa Barbara 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On 12.25am The Fugitive 1.25 Pick of the Week 1.55 Sportsworld Extra 2.55 Return to Eden 3.50 Posh Frocks and New Trousers 4.20 50 Years On' 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime

TSW

As London except: 1.20pm Yan Can Cook 1.50 The Young Doctors 2.20-3.15 McCloud 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Sports Talk 12.30am Film: When World's Collide 2.10 The Twilight Zone 2.40 CinemAttractions 3.10 Books by my Bedside 3.40 Pop Profile 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

TVS

As London except: 1.20pm-1.50 Gardening Time 2.20 Yan Can Cook 2.45-3.15 Countryside Close 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 12.25am Cornics, the 9th Art 12.55 Sportsworld Extra 1.55 Matlock 2.55 Film. Kung Fu 4.35-5.00 Wild in the City

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.20pm Up Country 1.50-3.15 Film: Beware of Blondie* 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 Books by my Bedside 11.10 Band of Thieves* 12.30am Film: When Worlds Collide 2.10 The Twilight Zone 2.40 CinemAttractions 3.10 Books by my Bedside 3.40 Pop Profile 4.00-5.00 The Hit Man and Her

ULSTER

As London except: 1.20pm Sons and Daughters 1.50-3.15 Film: Information Received 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Ask Anne! 12.30am Film: When Worlds Collide 2.10 The Twilight Zone 2.40 CinemAttractions 3.10 Books by my Bedside 3.35 Night Flight 4.00-5.00 Night Beat

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.20pm-3.15 Film: It's a Wonderful World 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Catcall 10.40 California Here We Come 11.25 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.20am Film. Banyon — Walk Up and Die 2.10 The Prizewinners 2.40 Trans World Sport 3.45 Music Box 4.40-5.00 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am The Art of Landscape 6.30 C4 Daily 9.25 Ysgolion 12.00 Sbectel 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 In Search of Holy England 2.30 Film: Judge Hardy's Children* 4.00 Don't Quote Me 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Brookside 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 Dinas 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.25 The Media Show 10.10 LA Law 12.00 Evil 1.00am Fortunata and Jacinta 2.00 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 12.30pm Hanly's People 1.00 News 1.40 Delia Smith's Cookery Course 2.05 The Harp in the South 3.00 "Live" at Three 4.00 News followed by Emmerdale 4.30 Knots Landing 5.15 Snap 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.00 Wish Me Luck 9.00 News 9.30 Twin Peaks 10.20 Questions and Answers 11.30 News 11.40 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by American Football 9.00 The Golden Girls 9.30 News followed by Film: This Child is Mine 11.10 News 11.35 Close

Breakthrough hailed for new Aids treatment

By Thomson Prentice, Medical Correspondent

A NEW anti-Aids treatment developed in Britain could give protection from the disease to people infected with HIV for as long as 20 years, researchers said yesterday.

Transfusions of virus antibodies to patients with early symptoms of Aids dramatically slows their deterioration, a study has shown.

A few British patients given the transfusions have had remissions of almost two years from Aids-related illnesses. Refinements in the treatment could extend that period by many years, according to Abraham Karpas, a virologist at Cambridge university.

Dr Karpas was the first scientist in Britain to isolate the virus after its discovery by French and American researchers in 1983.

The transfusions of plasma containing HIV antibodies from otherwise healthy carriers of the virus effectively turns back the clock on the progress of the infection, Dr Karpas, of the university's haematology department, said.

"I am convinced that we can extend the natural latency of the virus, which may be ten years, by another five or ten years in the early stages of the disease. This is a tremendous prospect for people who are infected but as yet have had no symptoms," he said.

"We believe the treatment offers a new lease of life, without side effects, and during that time new drugs to cure or treat Aids may be found."

The results of a study of the treatment by Dr Karpas and colleagues at two London hospitals have been published in this month's issue of *Proceedings of the American National Academy of Sciences*.

In the study, ten patients with Aids or the less severe Aids Related Complex (ARC) received monthly transfusions of plasma containing high levels of HIV antibodies from donors who were carriers but free of disease.

The patients were treated at the St Stephen's and Westminster hospitals in London. Five of the six terminal Aids cases died within 17 months of treatment, but the ARC patients have remained well. The results suggest that the earlier the transfusions are given, the greater the benefit.

The therapy is called passive immunisation. Antibodies to HIV contained in purified plasma from donors appear capable of neutralising the virus by boosting the recipient's immune system.

Dr Karpas stressed yesterday that the study did not establish the therapy as a proven treatment, but said it was an attractive altenative to zidovudine, or AZT, the only drug known to keep Aids at bay.

"We need further, carefully controlled studies, but the evidence we now have suggests that we could delay the development of Aids by many years," he said.

The treatment is unlikely to become widely available in Britain for some time. In California doctors have been given US government approval for a clinical trial involving more than 200 patients.

The Cambridge researchers are now trying to produce the antibodies from genetic engineering techniques. If successful, this would mean that plasma transfusions from donors would not be necessary.

● **Ex-gratia plan:** The government is considering providing an ex-gratia payment for the 1,216 haemophiliacs infected with the Aids virus in an attempt to end the growing political row over the sufferers (Richard Ford writes).

Negotiations began last week. Lawyers representing the victims of contaminated blood clotting products and sources close to the Haemophilia Society believe a settlement could be close.

Leader of Lebanese clan killed

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Witnesses said four men in uniform arrived at Mr Chamoun's residence shortly before 6six o'clock in the morning and forced the concierge to lead them to Mr Chamoun's home in the fifth floor of a modern apartmeot block. They knocked the door and were allowed in by the governess.

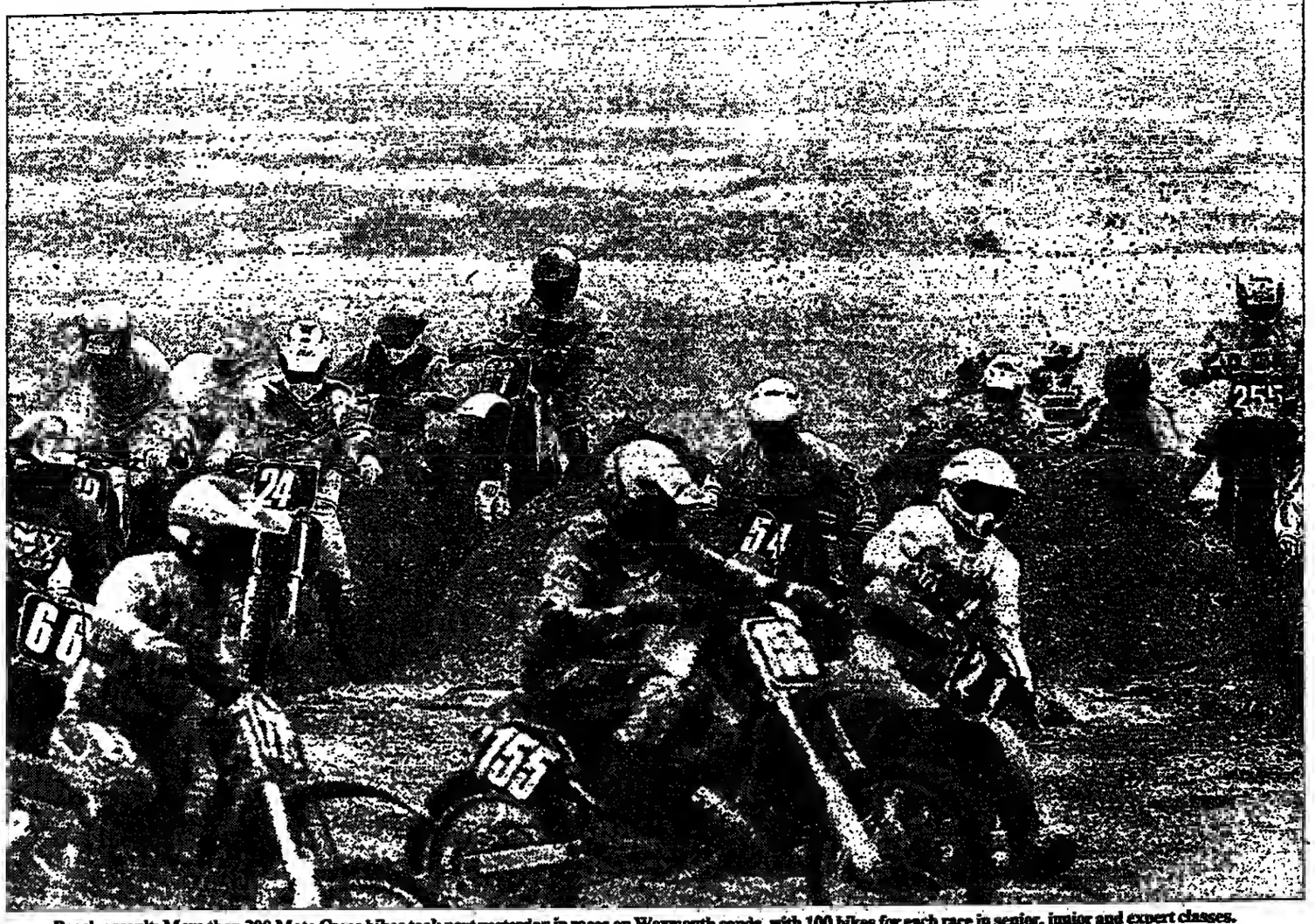
Mr Chamoun, who was drinking coffee in his pyjamas, had evidently no suspicion. He invited them to the sitting room and was shot 11 times as soon as he sat on the sofa His wife, Ingrid Adbel-Noor, was gunned down as she came out of the bedroom.

Tarek, the couple's son aged seven, who also rushed to find out what was happening, received a bullet in the face and died instantly in the hallway. Julian, aged five, tried in vain to hide. He was found fatally wounded under his bed and died at a hospital. Tamara, their eleven-month old sister, was found unharmed in her cot.

"They apparently did not know she existed," said a relative. Reporters saw her held by her weeping Lebanese governess, aged 65, at the apartment.

The assassins fled in two cars and, as usual in Lebanon, no group claimed responsibility for the murders. Yesterday, as Lebanese leaders condemned the killings, it became apparent that whoever committed them had intended throwing suspicion on the Lebanese Army.

The assassins, who collected every single spent cartridge of their 9mm automatic pistols, had left a two-way Motorola radio identical to those used by the Lebanese Army, witnesses said.



Beach assault: More than 300 Moto Cross bikes took part yesterday in races on Weymouth sands, with 100 bikes for each race in senior, junior and expert classes.

Ashdown rejects pre-election deal

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

PADDY Ashdown yesterday rejected any pre-electoral deals between Labour and the Liberal Democrats as a way of defeating the Conservatives at the next general election.

Mr Ashdown said that his party would be prepared to sacrifice a very great deal to win a fairer voting system if they held the balance of power after the next election. He said that constitutional reform, including a bill of rights, would be central to any discussions with Labour or the Conservatives on forming a coalition administration.

He said that a change in the electoral system was essential. "It is of such profound importance to us, among the other things we would like to do, that bringing the kind of democracy that will provide stable, decent government to Britain will be something for which we would be prepared to sacrifice a very great deal."

Mr Ashdown, speaking on LWT's *Walden* programme, added: "I am not prepared to allow this country and the people of this country to suffer under the cosy conspiracy between the Conservatives and Labour to perpetuate a corrupt and scandalous electoral system that takes power away from the British people and puts it in the hands of politicians who run the centre."

Mr Ashdown has so far refused to outline in detail what his party's platform on constitutional reform will be at the election. However, he has promised that before polling day it would announce what the party would demand in the event of it holding the balance of power. Party strategists believe that by emphasising the need for constitutional and electoral reform without providing too much detail is the best way to encourage support from other politicans, particularly in the Labour party.

Ashdown: Constitutional reform is essential

Ministers face pay clash

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did. However, the poll, conducted among 1,082 adults on October 5-6, did find concern among the public over higher wage demands leading to unemployment. Fifty-four per cent of those questioned said they were worried personally by the government's warnings.

Government recommendations to exclude poll tax and mortgage payments from annual cost of living rises were heavily criticised by union leaders, who stressed that those higher repayments were the main reasons for higher demands. Marion Chambers, CPSA president, warned: "Our members are clearly looking at what happens in the private sector and that must influence the way we negotiate. So many of our members earn less than £9,000 a year. It would be ridiculous not to expect that the rate of inflation was at least their target."

Donald Macgregor, national officer for the GMB general union, which represents 1 million town hall manual workers, warned that a growing pay gap would mean a drain of the best talent from the public sector into private firms.

He said: "We are not going to be bound by an edict from on high when we are negotiating. It is vital that the government realises that a five per cent wage gap between public and private sectors will mean that the best staff cannot be recruited or retained in the public sector." The task of convincing public sector workers to accept wage increases below the headline rate of inflation is likely to be underlined by private sector increases that are likely to escalate in the next few weeks. Jaguar set the pace for the winter pay round on Friday by offering rises worth 12.5 per cent, as well as a two-hour cut in the working week, in the first stage of a two-year agreement to 9,000 manual workers at its factories in Birmingham and Coventry.

Unions leaders representing 30,000 manual workers at Rover start talks today aiming at increases of up to 13 per cent in what will be one of the most important set of negotiations of the next few months. If Rover workers win rises well above inflation, other large groups will use their settlement, along with that of Jaguar, as a target heralding not only a "winter of discontent" but a miserable spring too.

Civil servants, nurses, midwives and teachers all come to the negotiating table over the next few months.

Public-sector recruiters abandon national deals

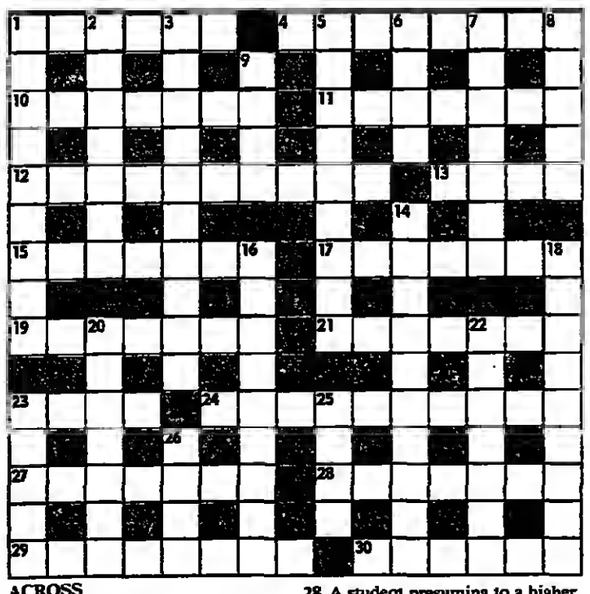
By Tim Jones

PUBLIC sector employers are increasingly abandoning national agreements on pay and conditions to overcome difficulties in recruiting and retaining staff, according to a survey published today.

The survey, by Incomes Data Services, shows that in the past six months, 19 per cent of local authorities, public health and higher education employers, have experienced problems in recruiting key staff. The councils said they had no recruitment difficulties with manual staff, but had adopted a wide range of measures to recruit and keep hard-to-find professional staff such as accountants, engineers and architects.

Local authorities, with more freedom to be flexible than health authorities, are increasingly using performance-related pay, market premier payments, regrading and housing assistance schemes to solve the skills problem. Councils in the South, which have introduced far more measures to retain staff felt that the problems were lessening.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,431



ACROSS

1 Air formation in line in conflict (6).
4 Space traveller needing adjustment to radio set (8).
10 Revolutionary band causing obstruction in Whitehall (3,4).
11 Drill used in examination of a road round the town (7).
12 There's no distinction as yet (3,3,4).
13 A pack returning to protective enclosure (4).
15 Building re-let with an unlimited timescale (7).
17 Friendly Russian family (7).
19 Distress suffered by people in the wrong (7).
21 It may provoke an energetic response when dropping a churchman (7).
23 Money for church books (4).
24 Thoroughfare in which one may find chestnuts, perhaps (6,4).
27 Something of a bore in Texas, for instance? (3,4).
28 A student presuming to a higher degree (7).
29 Dispatches about recurring loss to warships (8).
30 Security device of prime importance (6).

DOWN

1 Company article intended, we hear, to embrace all the overheads (9).
2 Yield to guile, and without a struggle (7).
3 Boss on watch for special recruiting officer (4-6).
5 Dr Manette, for example, found at last (9).
6 European flower displayed in hotel bedrooms (4).
7 Excel, taking outrageous risks initially in the Open (7).
8 Girl fell ill when climbing (5).
9 Leaders of many Eastern states showing confusion (4).
14 A promise of action? (10).
16 Overdue improvement to the side (9).
18 Mysterious Arab, possibly one shunning publicity (4,5)
20 Causes pain right on the joints (7).
22 Refreshment here free as the work follows (7).
23 A bird to notice in the flock (5)
25 Clever sequence of notes introducing opening to "Tosca" (4).
26 Rent or rate revision (4).

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,430 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

Concise Crossword, page 17

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ROTHER
a. A cow
b. Dewy, roscid
c. A dung fork

TALUK
a. A patch of land
b. A pyramidal dice
c. A self-mutilated beggar

LENTISK
a. A ski turn
b. A double compact disc
c. The mastic tree

SOETKOEKIE
a. A sweet biscuit
b. A madman
c. The South African gamecock

Answers on page 20, column 1

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WEATHER

Most parts will be dry, and although there will be quite a lot of cloud, some sunshine is likely, the best of it in south-east England and in sheltered western areas. South-west England may have some rain. Temperatures will be lower than of late, especially in the east, and, with a fresh south-easterly wind, it will feel quite cold. Outlook: dry in many places at first, but cloud and rain spreading east to all parts.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: l=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	22	72	s	Majorca	22	72	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Malaga	17	63	r
Alex'dria	27	81	s	Malta	25	77	s
Algiers	26	79	s	Melb'rne	12	54	c
Amst'dm	11	52	s	Mexico C*	23	73	f
Athens	25	77	s	Miami*	31	88	s
Bahrain	31	88	s	Milan	20	68	s
Barbados*	31	88	s	Montreal*	6	43	s
Barcelna	21	70	s	Moscow	4	39	c
Belgrade	7	45	r	Munich	9	48	c
Berlin	9	48	f	Nairobi	25	77	s
Bermuda*	27	81	f	Naples	22	72	f
Biarritz	17	63	s	N Delhi	28	82	s
Bordx'x	16	64	s	N York*	15	59	s
Brussels	11	52	s	Nice	21	70	s
Budapst	13	55	s	Oslo	6	43	s
B Aires*	25	77	f	Paris	16	61	f
Cairo	29	84	f	Peking	21	70	s
Cape Tn	19	66	s	Perth	28	82	s
C'blanca	21	70	r	Prague	7	45	f
Chicago*	17	63	s	Reykjvik	9	48	r
Ch'church	21	70	f	Rhodes	25	77	s
Cologne	12	54	s	Rio de J	23	73	c
C'phagn	8	46	s	Riyadh	29	84	c
Corfu	23	73	f	Rome	21	70	s
Dublin	14	57	f	Salzburg	10	50	c
Dubrovnik	20	68	f	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Faro	19	66	c	Santiago*	25	77	s
Florence	20	68	c	S Paulo*	23	73	c
Frankfurt	12	54	s	Seoul	23	73	f
Funchal	22	72	s	Sing'por	26	79	r
Geneva	15	59	f	St'kholm	5	41	s
Gibraltar	18	64	c	Strasb'rg	14	57	f
Helsinki	2	36	s	Sydney	21	70	s
Hong K	30	86	s	Tangier	19	66	f
Innsbrck	15	59	s	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	23	73	s	Tenerife	23	73	c
Jeddah	35	95	f	Tokyo	21	70	s
Jo'burg*	16	61	f	Toronto*	8	46	s
Karachi	36	97	s	Tunis	26	79	s
L Palmas	23	73	c	Valencia	22	72	f
Le Tquet	15	59	s	Vanc'ver*	8	46	c
Lisbon	17	63	c	Venice	16	66	f
Locarno	18	64	c	Vienna	9	48	s
L Angeles*	23	73	s	Warsaw	6	43	c
Luxembrg	11	52	f	Wash'ton*	16	61	s
Luxor	35	95	s	Wel'ston	17	63	c
Madrid	15	59	f	Zurich	12	54	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarborough	-	.05	13	55	fog
Hunstanton	1.7	-	17	63	cloudy
Lowestoft	4.8	-	16	61	bright
Margate	1.8	-	17	63	fog
Folkestone	5.5	-	18	64	sunny
Hastings	7.8	-	17	63	sunny
Eastbourne	5.0	-	17	63	fog
Brighton	6.7	-	17	63	sunny
Worthing	6.7	-	17	63	sunny
Littlehmptn	6.5	-	17	63	sunny
Bognor Regis	6.9	-	16	61	sunny
Shanklin	1.6	-	16	61	fog
Bournemouth	0.5	-	18	61	cloudy
Poole	0.1	-	17	63	fog
Swanage	1.1	-	16	61	drizzle
Weymouth	2.9	-	17	63	bright
Exmouth	1.1	-	16	61	cloudy
Torquay	1.8	-	17	63	cloudy
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	1.5	-	16	61	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.11	15	59	rain
Jersey	1.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Guernsey	0.3	-	15	59	cloudy
St. Ives	2.7	-	17	63	bright
Newquay	2.3	-	16	61	bright
Saunton Sand	3.0	-	15	59	sunny
Ilfracombe	X	.04	18	64	sunny
Minehead	4.5	-	17	63	bright
Morecambe	1.6	-	17	63	cloudy
Douglas	1.5	-	14	57	bright
Birmingham	0.1	.15	15	59	fog
Bristol	0.7	-	16	61	fog
Buxton	-	.01	13	55	fog
Leeds	-	.07	15	59	rain
London	4.9	.01	18	64	bright
Manchester	0.7	-	15	59	shower
Newcastle	-	.48	13	55	fog
Nottingham	-	.04	14	57	fog
Plymouth	4.5	-	17	63	bright
Anglesey	5.8	-	19	66	sunny
Cardiff	1.8	-	15	59	fog
Colwyn Bay	3.3	-	17	63	bright
Aberdeen	-	.18	11	52	rain
Aviemore	0.5	-	16	55	rain

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 14C (57F). Humidity: 6 pm, 77 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,017.7 millibars, steady.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 13C (55F). Humidity: 6 pm, 84 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.9 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,015.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Heathrow Airport, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Newcastle upon Tyne, 0.48 in; highest sunshine: Hastings, East Sussex, 7.6 hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 12C (54F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 hr.

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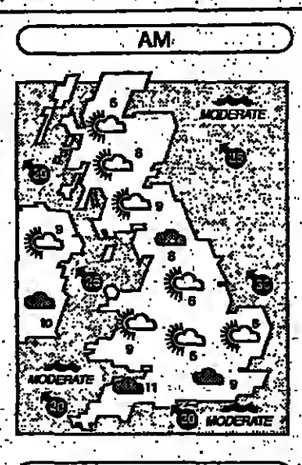

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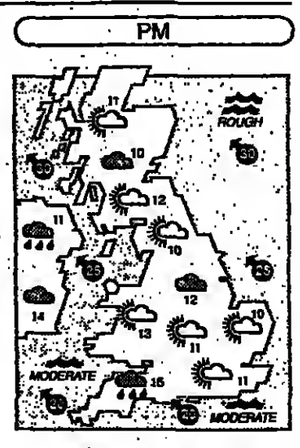

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Bristol 6.03 pm to 7.47 am
Edinburgh 5.56 pm to 8.00 am
Manchester 5.56 pm to 7.50 am
Penzance 6.18 pm to 7.57 am

Sun rises: 7.36 am. Sun sets: 5.54 pm
Moon rises: 12.05 pm. Moon sets: 7.13 pm
First Quarter October 26

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	14	57f	Guernsey	s	13	55c
B'ngham	s	13	55c	Inverness	s	13	55f
Blackpool	s	14	57c	Jersey	s	14	57c
Bristol	s	16	61s	London	s	14	57c
Cardiff	f	16	59c	M'chester	s	13	55c
Edinburgh	s	12	54c	Newcastle	s	12	54r
Glasgow	f	13	55c	R'nldsway	s	14	57c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.27	6.8	4.45	6.8	Liverpool	1.38	8.8	1.52	8.9
Aberdeen	3.49	4.0	4.03	4.0	Lowestoft	—	—	12.11	2.4
Avonmouth	9.56	12.6	10.07	13.2	Margate	2.23	4.6	2.42	4.6
Belfast	1.29	3.4	1.42	3.5	Milford Haven	8.49	6.5	9.05	6.3
Cardiff	9.41	11.6	9.52	11.3	Newquay	7.39	6.8	7.58	6.3
Devonport	8.17	5.3	8.28	5.1	Oban	6.14	3.8	6.17	3.7
Dover	1.24	6.4	1.36	6.3	Penzance	7.17	5.4	7.29	5.2
Falmouth	7.47	5.1	7.58	4.9	Portland	9.23	2.1	9.42	1.9
Glasgow	3.18	4.5	3.41	4.7	Portsmouth	1.57	4.6	2.09	4.6
Harwich	2.20	3.9	2.35	3.9	Shoreham	1.34	5.8	1.42	5.9
Holyhead	12.43	5.2	12.56	5.3	Southampton	1.16	4.3	1.28	4.3
Hull	8.59	7.0	9.08	6.9	Swansea	8.55	8.1	9.11	8.8
Ilfracombe	8.39	8.6	8.47	8.4	Tees	6.08	5.1	6.22	5.0
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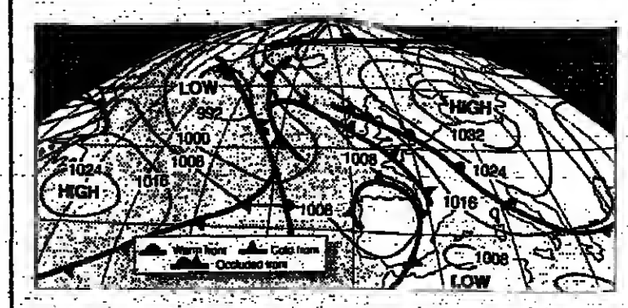

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Barclays denies reports of split

By Neil Bennett
Banking Correspondent

THE chairman of Barclays Bank has given warning that reports of the bank's plans to split into two threatens to create a false market in its shares.

Sir John Quinton said stories of the split were wrong "both in fact and in the inferences drawn". The reports arose after details leaked from a report on the bank from McKinsey, the management consultant.

The report is thought to suggest that Barclays should divide into a high street retailing bank and a global corporate bank. McKinsey's report is due to be presented to a planning conference of the bank's 300 top executives next week. Until then it was intended to be seen by executive directors alone.

Sir John however dismissed the possibility of dividing the bank: "Barclays is not splitting into two banks," he said, "so we are not selling off either of them. Our domestic and international banking operations are not moving apart but are in fact moving together."

Sir John told Barclays' shareholders to take no action on the rumours. He also rejected a suggestion that the bank would like to hold a rights issue. "Barclays is one of the strongest capitalised banks in the world and we have no intention to ask for further equity capital."

The McKinsey report is one of several surveys Barclays has commissioned to find a more efficient structure. The report is believed to list different ways for the bank to simplify its operations. Corporate and retail banking are becoming increasingly different, and a division would allow each section to concentrate without duplication of resources.

Parretti 'close' to MGM deal

From Philip Robinson
in Los Angeles

GIANCARLO Parretti, the Italian financier, is expected to announce today he has raised the $1 billion needed to complete the purchase of MGM United Artists, the Hollywood studio he has been trying to buy for almost nine months.

He has until tomorrow to close the deal. A Pathe spokesman said yesterday: "We are highly confident we can complete this on time."

Signor Parretti has already paid a non-returnable deposit of $353 million. The $1 billion balance is expected to come from sales of European property and farmland to raise $300 million. A further $250 million was expected from pre-sales of MGM films. These have yet to be announced.

Of the remaining $500 million, Turner Broadcasting is expected to pay $200 million for certain film rights, $100 million is expected from an unnamed Japanese investor and $200 million was said to be coming in $50 million parcels from investors in four European countries.

THE POUND

CHANGE ON WEEK
US dollar
1.9635 (–0.0110)
W German mark
2.9505 (–0.0452)
Exchange index
94.5 (–1.5)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1621.5 (–0.5)
FT-SE 100
2089.0 (–11.4)
New York Dow Jones
2520.79 (+122.77)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24481.49 (+2091.33)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.61	2.43
Austria Sch	21.69	20.90
Belgium Fr	63.50	59.50
Canada $	2.385	2.246
Denmark Kr	11.73	11.03
Finland Mkk	7.32	6.92
France Fr	10.27	9.67
Germany Dm	3.07	2.88
Greece Dr	304.00	286.00
Hong Kong $	15.80	14.90
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2305	2165
Japan Yen	262.00	247.00
Netherlands Gld	3.45	3.25
Norway Kr	11.95	11.25
Portugal Esc	271.50	254.50
South Africa Rd	5.20	4.70
Spain Pta	162.00	150.00
Sweden Kr	11.39	10.75
Switzerland Fr	2.585	2.435
Turkey Lira	5400	5000
USA $	2.04	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	30.50	19.50

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 129.3 (September)

OS

Storm warning issued for Europe's insurance industry

By Wolfgang Münchau
European Business Correspondent

EUROPE's insurance industry is in for a rough ride over the next few years, according to the head of Zürich Insurance, Europe's second largest insurance company.

In an interview with *The Times*, Rolf Hüppi, chief general manager of the group, said the eventual single European market in insurance will reduce the profit margins of the whole industry and will lead to the disappearance of smaller insurance companies.

"The European insurance industry has to get used to a situation under which it can longer count on a cosy business environment, and it will have to live with smaller margins. Many companies have based their business on artificial market conditions, but these will disappear."

Herr Hüppi said the reduction in profit margins and the abolition of currently "artificial market conditions" will lead to further concentration in the industry. He indicated that Zürich Insurance will participate actively in the process. "We can count on further mergers and takeovers in the industry. I believe that the reduction of suppliers [insurance companies] will be significant," he said.

The tendency will be felt throughout Europe, and in particular in the Efta countries, including Switzerland, where a number of smaller local companies operate for which an opening to the EC market is likely to prove fatal. Efta is negotiating with the EC over a European free trade zone, under which many of the EC's single market directives could apply in Efta. Although the negotiations are in difficulties because of Efta's wish to have a say in EC decision making, it is widely expected that a deal will be agreed well before the end of 1992, when most of the EC's single market directives will be enforced.

Herr Hüppi said that Swiss membership of the European Community would accelerate the problems for many smaller Swiss insurance companies, although the larger multinational groups would not be affected since they have been operating in the EC through subsidiaries for a number of years.

He argued that the change in market regulation will be one of the most important factors affecting the industry. "I am convinced ... that we will move away from the regulated [national] market, the insurance regulators, and from insurance cartels over a period of time. I am also convinced that the trend will be towards worldwide insurance regulation which will result in a new competitive situation."

But the speed at which these pressures will affect the industry will differ between the insurance sectors. Already the EC Commission has issued two non-life directives, affecting in particular large risk insurance products which will have to be accepted throughout the EC from 1993 as long as they are approved in the insurance company's home country. The scope is smaller for life insurance products, which can be bought but not marketed in other EC countries, unless with the permission of the domestic regulatory authorities. The UK insurance industry, in particular, had high hopes that an open European insurance market would allow the better priced British life insurance products to compete on the Continent.

"I think that initially the effect of 1992 will be strongest felt in the non-life business," Herr Hüppi said. The next market segment will be non-life personal insurance [ie accident, travel insurance]. In the life-business a Euro-insurance is possible in certain limited areas. But one has to bear in mind that life insurance policy is often tied to a local or national social security insurance. So life insurance will not be affected [by 1992] in the first phase [of deregulation]."

Bankers expect Polly to go into administration

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

BANKERS to Polly Peck International expect the fruit trading and electronics group to be placed in administration this week as a result of pressure from holders of £50 million of its commercial paper.

The commercial paper holders are due to meet the company in the City today or tomorrow, to discuss what action they should take. Bankers at the weekend said they expected they would demand repayment of the debts that officially became due three weeks ago.

Asil Nadir, PPI's chairman, flew to Northern Cyprus from Turkey yesterday, in a desperate attempt to release funds from the island to save the company from collapse. He is expected to leave this morning. One source close to the company said the funds should be released within the next 48 hours.

"The commercial paper holders are pretty weighted in their resolve to put the company into administration," said one of PPI's bankers. There are about 100 commercial paper holders, a mix of financial institutions and industrial companies that trade with PPI. If the group goes into administration, they will rank high in the order of creditors.

PPI's banks are unlikely to protect PPI from administration since it is said to have broken its assurances made when it was granted a four-week standstill on its debts. One banker said the banks' steering committee, which comprises ten of PPI's most important creditors, had lost patience with the company.

The company had earlier promised bankers to repay up to £140 million of its debt mountain of almost £1 billion by drawing on cash deposits in Turkey and Northern Cyprus. But so far it has failed to meet a set timetable of repayments.

PPI had also promised to give Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, full access to its financial details round the world.

Coopers is preparing a report on PPI's financial situation and viability for the banks' next scheduled meeting on November 9. But banks now say it is having difficulty obtaining the information it wants on the company's activities in Cyprus.

One source close to the company blamed Coopers for the problem, since when its executives first arrived in the Turkish part of Cyprus they used the name Cork Gully with the Turkish authorities. This was to avoid antagonising the Greeks in southern Cyprus, where Coopers has a successful practice. Cork Gully is the name of Coopers' liquidation and receivership specialist and the northern Cypriot banks were unwilling to co-operate with it.

Richard Stone, Coopers' head of corporate finance, who is leading the investigation, was in Cyprus this weekend with Mr Nadir to try to discover the extent of group assets there.

Polly Peck was unable to comment on any friction with its bankers. "As far as we are concerned we assume the standstill is in place until November 9," a spokesman said.

Polly Peck's bankers have braced themselves for the company's collapse, which would cause further heavy bad debt provisions. Standard Chartered has the largest exposure, estimated to be £50 million. Much of its lending is thought to be secured, and the worst case loss for the bank will be less than £20 million.

If Polly Peck does go into administration, it will be one of the largest corporate collapses in British history. Less than three months ago the group was valued at more than £2 billion on the stock market.

Since then the company has been hit by speculation that the Serious Fraud Office was investigating possible insider dealing in its shares. On September 20, the shares collapsed from 245p to 108p and were then suspended. The SFO raided the offices of South Audley Management, a company with connections to Mr Nadir.

Polly Peck, and Mr Nadir himself, have since admitted to liquidity problems, and the shares remain suspended. If the company fails, more than 20,000 shareholders are almost certain to lose their entire investment.

Lakeside ready for princess

PETER TRIEVNOR

THE inside of the central dome of the Lakeside Shopping Centre at West Thurrock, Essex, is checked by Ian White in preparation for Thursday's opening by Princess Alexandra (Matthew Bond writes).

The dome lies at the centre of a three-level mall, which runs the equivalent distance of Oxford Street, from Oxford Circus to Marble Arch.

Apart from being the newest shopping centre in Britain, Lakeside is one of the biggest with about 180 retailers occupying more than one million sq ft. There is parking for 9,000 cars and 250 coaches.

Lakeside has cost Capital & Counties, the developer, about £350 million to build. More than 80 per cent of the retail space is let to tenants such as Marks and Spencer, Debenhams, Lewis' and House of Fraser.

Recession fears are strongest in South

ABOUT 75 per cent of British businessmen think the country is about to plunge into a recession, reports a survey by 3i, the venture capital group (Wolfgang Münchau writes).

Recession fears are most pronounced in the south of England, while "the outlook becomes slightly less gloomy in proportion to their distance away from the Southeast".

The survey indicates that unemployment will continue as companies will employ, on average, 1 per cent less staff by the end of the year, compared with 1989. Larger companies in the South plan to lay off proportionally more staff than their counterparts in the North and in Scotland.

David Marlow, 3i chief executive, said: "The relatively better performance outside the south of England is significant because in previous recessions the North has tended to fare worse. This may reflect radical restructuring of the old industrial heartlands."

About 34 per cent of southern companies expect investment to fall, and only 15 per cent say they will invest more during the next quarter. This contrasts sharply with the North and Scotland, where most companies expect no change in total investment.

The survey used a random sample of 1,000 companies in the 3i portfolio, and was conducted shortly before sterling entered the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Despite the gloom expressed by respondents, the survey is still more optimistic than those conducted by the Confederation of British Industry. Mr Marlow gives warning, however, that "companies in which 3i invests are more optimistic than the average, but the fact that many of them are now marking time is a measure of the current economic challanges faced by the UK."

EC wants East European fund

From Peter Guilford
in Brussels

THE European Commission is stepping up pressure on the world's richest nations to create a special rescue fund for Eastern Europe. Officials fear economic hardship, provoked by the Gulf dispute, could otherwise trigger a collapse of economic and political reform in the region.

Brussels will test the idea with EC foreign ministers in Luxembourg today and again with the 12 government leaders in Rome at the weekend. A positive response will strengthen its chances of convincing the group of 24 industrialised nations that would supply the aid. Top level G24 talks will take place in Brussels on October 30.

Meanwhile, Jacques Delors, the Commission president, received a delegation from the Soviet Union led by Stepan Sitaryan, deputy prime minister, who gave an account of newly approved plans to draw the crumbling Soviet economy closer to the market place.

Delors: met delegation

M Delors is understood to have parried Soviet calls for emergency financial help by agreeing to deliver an analysis of the Soviet economy to EC leaders at their Rome summit. But the issue of actual aid — the original motive for calling the summit — is likely to be deferred.

Senior officials privately admit that Eastern Europe is a more burning issue than the Soviet Union for the community. Soaring oil prices, lost export markets and unpaid debts have conspired to deprive the East collectively of some £3.5 billion this year. The thrust of the EC's proposed fund would be to sustain the switch to currency convertibility, and to underpin other fragile economic reforms. If they agree to the move, EC leaders will be anxious to avoid overlapping with the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Brussels still needs to convince its G24 partners that a special fund for Eastern Europe would stave off collapse rather than merely perpetuating inefficiency. But there is a growing consensus among EC states that the Soviet Union is too politically volatile, and too poorly served by accurate statistics to warrant a large scale bail-out by the Community.

"The other (EC countries) are gradually coming round to the British view that such funding at present would be wasted," said one British official.

In partial compensation, the Soviet Union may be offered a place in a proposed pan-European energy pact.

Originally the brainchild of Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, the plan has won British backing. Dumas, the French foreign minister, is expected to canvass further support for the energy pact among his EC colleagues in Luxembourg today.

UK more prone to inflation spurts

By Anatole Kaletsky
Economics Editor

THE British economy seems to have become more susceptible to spurts of inflation despite the widespread industrial deregulation and the improvements in the functioning of labour markets introduced over the past decade. This is the main implication of a study published in the *Treasury Bulletin* today.

The study finds that the Treasury's economic model consistently underestimated inflation in the second half of the Eighties. The model also underpredicted imports and overestimated exports throughout the past few years. However, these biases could not be attributed to any special faults in the Treasury's forecasting methods, since similar mistakes were consistently being made in other models run by the private sector.

"The general impact of the pressure of demand on inflation seemed to have got bigger after 1985 than in the historical period," Sir Terence Burns, the government's chief economic adviser, told a press conference introducing the Treasury study. Sir Terence noted that labour costs appeared to have been less important than profit margins in explaining recent inflation. Excess demand in 1988 and 1989 had worked its way through to profits and prices faster than predicted by the Treasury model. This was a sign of the increasing flexibility of the corporate sector, he argued. It might imply that both inflation and profits would fall more rapidly than usual in response to the present weak state of demand.

The Treasury concluded that the fundamental explanation for the poor performance of all econometric models in recent years was the unprecedented scale of borrowing by private individuals and companies from 1985 onwards. The borrowing and consumption boom led to a deterioration in the private sector's financial balance unprecedented since 1920 and this, in turn, was responsible for much stronger domestic demand growth than the Treasury had forecast.

One probable explanation of the enormous swing from saving to borrowing was financial liberalisation, according to Sir Terence. But such identifiable factors were not enough to account for the unexpected jump in inflation in 1988 and 1989.

● In a separate article in today's *Bulletin*, the Treasury studied the impact of a $10-a-barrel increase in the oil price on the British and international economies.

It concluded that the retail price index would suffer a once-and-for-all increase of about ⅓ per cent, while gross domestic product would be roughly ¼ per cent lower than otherwise after two years.

For the world as a whole, inflation might rise by 1 to 1½ percentage points in the first year, but the increase would tail off rapidly, leaving no impact after three years. World GDP growth would be retarded by about ½ percentage point annually for three years.

● UK balance of payments figures for September, due out today, are expected to show little change in the current account deficit of £1.3 billion reported for August. A slight deterioration, due to a smaller contribution from "erratic" exports, is considered possible.

Economists predict sharp fall in growth of German GNP

By Wolfgang Münchau
European Business Correspondent

GERMANY'S five leading economic institutes are predicting s sharp fall in gross national product growth to 2.5 per ceot this year, and a further decline to 2 per cent in 1991, because of the recessioo in eastern Germany.

The autumn edition of the so-called "five wise men" report also gives warning of markedly higher ioflatioo as a result of rising oil prices and increased wage demands.

If the findings prove right, this would end hopes that Germany could again play the role of an economic locomotive, able to pull other European economies out of recession, as it did at the end of the Seveoties.

The report, which is officially published today, has already come under attack from Helmut Haussmann, the German economics minister, who was commeoting on press leaks of the findings.

Herr Haussmann said the report was, as usual, too pessimistic, since the insntutes have often underestimated the strength of the German economy. In their last report, published in the spring, the institutes predicted GNP would rise by 3.75 per cent this year, which stands against government estimates of about 4 per cent, the same as last year.

Haussmann: institutes "too pessimistic"

The government expects output to rise by 3 per cent next year.

Current indications are that inflationary expectations are beginning to fuel wage demands in Germany.

Volkswagen, the country's largest car manufacturer and a wage trend-setter in Germany's large metal industry, is faced with demands from IG Metall, the metal workers union, for wage rises of more than 8 per cent, which is around 5 per cent ahead of inflation.

The unions have also pledged to achieve comparable wage levels io the eastern part of the country, despite markedly lower productivity there.

On ioterest rates, expectations of increases would be fuelled if war broke out in the Gulf. Fighting in the region would probably lead to a sustained higher level of oil prices.

The government's rejectioo of the five wise men's report is consistent with its message that the costs of unification can by financed with only the minimum of sacrifices by the German taxpayer.

The government, which is likely to be returned to power after the elections on December 2, has been able to play down criticisms by the oppositioo Social Democrats, whose warnings over the costs of unification have so far fallen oo deaf ears.

Business guaranteed a room

TED BATH

Privileged customers: Rocco Forte and Alan Hearn discuss their reservation scheme for business travellers

ROCCO Forte, chief executive of Trusthouse Forte, and Alan Hearn, managing director of Trusthouse Forte hotels, today take the lid off Business Guarantee, a new scheme launched for business travellers (Jon Ashworth writes).

Those who make their reservations at least 48 hours in advance are guaranteed a room at more than 250 hotels in the UK, even if they are fully booked. If necessary, non-business travellers will be moved to nearby hotels to make space. A free ten-page national fax or telex is thrown in, along with a complimentary daily newspaper and free parking at provincial hotels.

An express check-out service is included to help travellers on their way, and bookings may be cancelled np to 6pm oo the day of arrival at no extra cost. "This is a unique guarantee for the business traveller which we can give because of our strength throughout the UK," said Mr Hearn. The scheme will be extended to other countries before the end of the year, taking in the Hotel George V in Paris and the Westbury in New York, among others.

In Britain, Trusthouse Forte owns the Post House network, and purchased the Crest hotel chain from Bass for £300 million this year.

Norpak sold off in Corton break-up

By Neil Bennett

THE break-up of Corton Beach, the collapsed meat-trading, motor and leisure group, has begun just ten days after it was put into receivership.

Price Waterhouse, the administrative receiver, has sold Norpak, Corton's frozen-food wholesaler, to Sims Foods for an undisclosed sum. Norpak's customers, mainly co-operative associations, had threatened to remove their business unless the company was sold quickly.

Tony Brereton, a Price Waterhouse partner, said: "This sale effectively keeps the fridges running." Sims beat other companies to buying Norpak after sending its own executives to check the company's books. The food group is thought to have paid a nominal figure due to the urgency of the disposal.

Norpak was the largest of Corton's food companies, with sales of £50 million forecast in the year to end-January, although it had a low asset base. Mr Brereton hopes to find a buyer shortly for Tranfood, another offshoot, while several companies were interested in Freezrite, a chain of freezer centres.

Corton went into receivership on October 11, after it failed to agree a refinancing package with its bankers.

Foseco fights bid with break-up plan

By Our City Staff

FOSECO is in the final stages of preparing a far-reaching "unbundling" proposal for its shareholders as a defence against the £236 million hostile takeover bid from Burmah Castrol, the oil and chemicals group.

The unbundling plan has been in preparation for the past six months, say sources close to the company, but is being completed as a matter of urgency in an attempt to derail the Burmah offer, which was launched last week.

The idea came from Tom Long, the new chairman of Foseco, who was due to take over the top job from the beginning of next month but has now taken day-to-day control of Foseco's defence.

Mr Long was a main board director at BAT, the conglomerate that resorted to an unbundling exercise when it was fighting the bid from Hoylake.

Burmah is known to be keen to sell off the abrasives business, and Foseco is pinning its hopes on convincing shareholders they would do better by sticking with Foseco, to gain the benefits of a sale, than by selling out to Burmah.

Internal documents have put the potential value of the abrasives division at more than £130 million, equivalent to more than half the value of the Burmah bid.

The defence document will be likely to argue that such increases in value should be retained for the benefit of Foseco shareholders, rather than handed over to Burmah.

Bankers have advised Foseco that the best defence will have to revolve around the long-term potential, as the short-term trading picture is not encouraging.

Foseco's poor short-term prospects are thought to have played a crucial part in the relative ease with which Cazenove, acting for Burmah, acquired a stake of 10.6 per cent in a dawn raid on the day the bid was launched.

Doubt over scope of Caparo rule

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

A DECISION in the Court of Appeal has called into question the scope of the Caparo judgment, which appeared to rule that auditors and other advisers to a company subject to a takeover had no responsibility to the acquiring compaoy.

Morgan Crucible, which is attempting to sue advisers to First Castle Electronics, a company it bought in 1986, has beeo given leave to hring an amended action despite the ruling in the Caparo case.

Morgan's case, which is expected to come to the High Court in January, will now relate to representations made by or approved by the advisers in the course of the takeover bid. The representations complained of by Caparo were made before the takeover.

The Morgao case will eventually decide how far the restriction on liability in the Caparo ruling applies.

ICI stays silent on Tioxide

By Our City Staff

IMPERIAL Chemical Industries (ICI) refused to confirm or deny weekend press reports saying it would buy out the remaining 50 per ceot of Tioxide, a maker of paint pigments, for aboui £150 millioo. The stake is owned by Cookson Group, the specialist chemical firm trying to reduce its high gearing.

Shares in Cookson, one of the best UK stocks during the 1980s, have fallen by more than 75 per cent this year due to concerns over the company's financial health. They closed at 70p on Friday. Cookson has been acquisitive in recent years, and is suffering high debt-servicing costs.

ICI recently announced a plao to cut investment next year by £100 million. The reported purchase price for the Tioxide stake is perceived to be low.

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Oversupply of oil tankers forecast

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

THE Gulf confrootatioo threatens to slow growth in demand for oil tankers just as the tonnage under construction has reached its highest level since the late 1970s.

An oversupply of ships will probably develop during 1991 and stretch into 1992, says Clarkson Research Studies (CRS) in its half-yearly review of worldwide shipping trends.

Shipowners have been encouraged to order new tankers by a recovery in demand. The world tanker fleet is becoming very long in the tooth.

According to CRS, 47 per cent of tankers are regarded as being "over-age," at more than 15 years old.

Thanks to high Opec output during the first half of the year, almost every available ship was in service for the first time since the early 1970s, says CRS. A brief hiatus in the wake of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait has been replaced by hardening charter rates as oil production from Saudi Arabia has risen, compensating for lost Iraqi and Kuwaiti output.

But the period charter market has gone slack after a sharp improvement in rates earlier in the year.

The slowdown contrasts with a rapid increase in the number of tankers on order over the past three years.

During the first half of 1988, only 33 vessels, totalling 2.7 million dead weight tonnes (dwt), were on order. In the six months to June, there were 112 tankers on order, totalling 18.1 million dwt.

CRS says the threat of American legislation to require all tankers serving US ports to be of a double-skin construction, intended to cut spillage in the event of collision or grounding, acted as a spur to owners.

Fine-tuning with a crowbar

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

As the chancellor stood up to make his annual speech at the Mansion House last Thursday, the pound fell below DM2.95, the government lost the Eastbourne by-election and the other 11 members of the European Community agreed on a date for monetary union — with Britain or without it.

These four events were not unconnected. After the dangerous decision to enter the exchange-rate mechanism at a deliberately overvalued rate, confidence in the government's economic policies was at a low ebb by Thursday, oot only in the City and in Europe but also among the British public. Yet the main message of John Major's Mansion House speech was that the government's economic philosopby remained irrevocably fixed: the over-riding objective was to eradicate inflation; this would be achieved by making a cast-iron commitment to a pre-announced financial target, in this case a strong pound.

Unfortunately for Mr Major, the number of true believers in this approach seems to be dwindling daily. Yet confidence has been the alpha and omega of Mrs Thatcher's economic philosopby ever since the Seventies, when Sir Keith Joseph introduced her to the "rational expectations" school of monetarists. These people argued that inflation could be rapidly and relatively painlessly reduced by any government that could convince economic decision-makers of its implacable determination to stick to monetary targets. Once workers, managers and investors realised the government would not bail them out by printing money, they would give up their inflationary habits. The newly virtuous behaviour would be rapidly rewarded with stable prices and steady growth.

In the dark days of 1981, the faith in rational expectations took on the comical intensity of desperation. I well remember one of the Treasury's advisers arguing privately that Mrs Thatcher's fanatical media image would be a boon for economic policy: "If people think she's mad, they'll finally believe that she will stop at nothing to hit the monetary targets."

But it was not to be. The Resolute Approach was fine for winning wars against Argentina and beating Arthur Scargill. But as a way of managing a modern economy it simply did not work. It was not just in Britain but, even more importantly, in America that single-target monetarism was gradually abandoned in favour of a pragmatic type of interest and exchange rate management. This had more similarities to traditional Keynesian demand *management* than to the inflexibility of rational expectations.

Given the past experience of pragmatic changes in the government's economic policies, to say nothing of the imminence of a general election, it is by no means rational for people to believe that sterling will never be devalued simply because the government has joined the ERM. As for the chancellor's attempts to assure the markets that he will not cut interest rates until it is "safe" to do so, this only feeds the misgivings.

There is a fundamental contradiction between the old monetarist promise to put economic policy-making on anti-inflationary autopilot and the constant references to refined *personal judgments* on the state of the economy made not only by the British chancellor, but by every other leading policymaker around the world these days. The fact is that seat-of-the-pants fine-tuning has returned with a vengeance not only in Britain and America, but also in Germany and Japan.

There is, however, a crucial element missing from the new type of economic fine-tuning, especially as it is practised in the Anglo-Saxon countries. While the intellectual content of monetarism has been effectively abandoned, the political commitment to using monetary policies alone has remained. The tax and credit policies that were a vital part of the economic toolbox in the Keynesian period of demand management have been deliberately thrown away. As a result, the policymakers in Britain and America have had only two policy instruments — interest rates and exchange rates — *to try to influence* a multiplicity of objectives, including inflation, unemployment and the balance of payments. On closer inspection, even these two instruments proved to be tied together in an awkward fashion, since interest and exchange rates have an extremely close interaction in a world without exchange controls.

As long as monetarist thinking was in the ascendant, this did not seem a problem. For the core of the monetarist belief was that controlling inflation should be the government's sole macroeconomic concern. One instrument, whether monetary targets, interest rates or exchange rates, should be sufficient to hit this target. But few are willing to accept this abdication of responsibility any longer, either in the electorate or the financial markets. Whether he likes it or not, the chancellor is once again expected to fine-tune the British economic engine to achieve satisfactory performance on inflation, employment and the balance of payments, all at the same time. To do this, he will need the whole toolbox of fiscal, *monetary and credit policies*. The crowbar of a fixed exchange rate will not be enough.

TEMPUS

Crocodile tears as BIL bares its teeth

PAUL Collins, chief executive of Brierley Investments Ltd, Sir Ron Brierley's New Zealand holding company, is on the record as describing BIL's £644 million hostile bid for Mount Charlotte Investments as opportunist and extremely unlikely to succeed.

Crocodiles have rarely wept more effective tears. For there is a very real risk that BIL could be about to snap up a bargain in the tempting shape of Britain'a second largest hotel group.

Everything about BIL's bid has been downbeat, since it was launched three weeks ago. For a start, it was obligatory, statutorily required after BIL bought the 10.1 per cent stake owned by the Kuwait Investment Office, a purchase that took its stake in Mount Charlotte up to 39.9 per cent.

Then there was the price. At 73p, it was only at a modest premium to Mount Charlotte's pre-bid share price. Mr Collins's comments made just a few days after the bid was launched just added to the impression that here was a bid that hardly needed defending. As takeover tactics go, it was unusual. It could also be very effective.

For make no mistake, this bid, even at its current level, does have teeth. The sharpest of these, as BIL quietly pointed out last week, was that the price offered Mount Charlotte shareholders an exit price-earnings multiple of 14.6 times.

Robert Peel, Mount Charlotte's chief executive, is well aware of the danger. Because there has been no rush to complete the £200 million disposal programme be launched in the wake of last year's purchase of the Thistle chain, earnings per share have become Mount Charlotte's Achilles' heel. But Mr Peel knows that once the disposals have been completed, Mount Charlotte's previously impressive earnings per share record (growing at an annual compound rate of 28.4 per cent until this year) will resume. Therefore, he refuses to be rushed.

On the record: Paul Collins, chief executive of BIL

For now, his defence rightly concentrates on the bid's 40 per cent discount to restated net assets of 122p a share. But here, too, there is no room for complacency. Only a few months ago, Laing Properties succumbed to an offer pitched at a previously unthinkable discount to net asset value of more than 20 per cent.

At 67p, shareholders should sit tight and await more information about the impact future disposals might have.

First Leisure

SIR Owen Green, veteran of many a well-timed takeover at BTR, was heard the other day giving the view that there will be bargains aplenty next spring. His theme was that share prices would by then be reflecting a series of gloomy reports on 1990 trading and the financial pressures arising from the government's anti-inflationary drive would be at their most severe.

One company's poison is another's meat. Those who have financed operations prudently through the downturn can expect an abundance of reasonably priced opportunities to buy.

This will be especially true in the leisure sector, characterised by an orgy of debt-financed expansion over the past few years. Some have already paid dearly and have gone to corporate limbo. Others, like Mecca, have been forced into the arms of rivals.

If cash is to be king, First Leisure will be one of the gainers. After last July's rights issue its balance sheet is free from strain. Gearing is around 25 per cent and interest cover running at more than six times.

The leisure business is not known for tight financial control, an aspect of management where First Leisure scores. Borrowings have been capped at 13.2 per cent until next October and the group has been using its financial muscle to secure some favourable long-term supply contracts especially for drinks, a significant area of costs.

First Leisure's good housekeeping has also been impressive with heavy spending on upgrading assets with swift benefits to revenues.

While 1991 should see fewer pressures on leisure spending, it will not be a vintage year. The rise in petrol prices may change spending patterns and mortgage payments will remain at historically high levels.

But First Leisure's profits should continue their progress with about £29 million expected this year against £25 million in 1989, and £35 million is on the cards for 1991. The shares appear to have bottomed at around 162p earlier this month and are now building up solid support. At 178p they sell for a premium p/e ratio of 11.7 times. Worth it for the quality stock in the sector.

EC NOTEBOOK

Drug agency seen as a cure for ills caused by different national rules

THE EUROPEAN Commission has plans for a drug agency that will issue community-wide licences for new medicines. The idea is to end what Brussels calls the "mosaic" of national rules that can mean a drug is cleared in one country but blocked in another. All new veterinary drugs, or those devised biotechnologically, would need clearance from the agency before being marketed in the community. National bodies could still issue licences for other drugs, while gradually drawing their authorisation procedures closer together.

Brussels complains that after ten years of co-operation between the 12, drug licensing is still beset with confusion and overlap, penalising the European pharmaceutical industry and hampering exports. In most member countries it is "paralysed by criticism from consumer organisations and by the sheer number and complexity of cases to examine", the commission says.

The agency, which still needs the approval of EC governments, should start up in 1993 with a review six years later. It will comprise existing groups of scientific and medical experts from the member states, whose decision will be made mandatory by a permanent secretariat controlled by the Brussels commission. It will keep an eye on national bodies, while leaving many decisions in their hands.

● EUROPEAN steelmakers fear that President Bush could provoke a new trade war with the community by pushing too hastily for a free world market in steel. His plans to replace fixed bilateral quotas with broader ones agreed by "multilateral consensus" and eventually to phase out the lot, could prompt a flood of law suits from wary American producers accusing the Europeans of dumping steel on the American market.

> 'Drug licensing is beset with confusion and overlap that penalises the European pharmaceutical industry'

An American team received a guarded response after flying to Brussels last week to sell the idea to the commission. EC steelmakers feel President Bush's move could exacerbate the current downturn in the global steel market, where more steel mills are selling goods to fewer clients.

● JAPANESE investment in Europe last year was 16 times greater than the other way. In an attempt to bridge this gap, European companies are being taught how to tap the Japanese market in a guide produced for the commission by Booz, Allen & Hamilton, the management consultant.

The Japanese market is opening up to foreign investors, who in most cases need only obtain clearance from central, not regional government officials. The Japanese consumer is less xenophobic than often perceived, but he demands high quality, careful marketing and good after-sales service.

Foreign exporters should cultivate their Japanese distributors over long periods, without expecting short-term gains. The report concludes that foreigners should avoid soaring land and labour costs in Tokyo by setting up their operations further afield.

● MARTIN Bangemann, Germany's senior commissioner to Brussels, has criticised the European motor industry, saying it is partly to blame for Japan's penetration of the European market. EC motor makers spend *too* much energy retaining their domestic markets rather than fighting to win new ones abroad. They can take twice as long as the Japanese to make a car, and *are far too slow in* designing new models.

In Munich last week, Herr Bangemann was trying to harden Europe's car industry to the abolition of national quotas that currently protect it from Japanese imports.

● EC COUNTRIES are at odds over how to control the movement of firearms once trade barriers have disappeared. Under proposed rules, gun-owners would have to report to the police before taking weapons abroad. The information would be shared between all 12 police forces, but it is feared that Interpol's records, or those of other forces, could rapidly become saturated, putting more sensitive files at risk.

There are also fears that tough rules would straitjacket the arms trade. All arms makers would have to keep records of when they sold firearms and to whom. Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, Italy and Spain would need reassuring that fresh EC rules would dovetail with a broader convention on firearms, to which they are all signatories.

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CAPITAL MARKETS

Tapping into ecu potential

A SHORT sentence tucked into the latter paragraphs of John Major's Mansion House speech signalled what may prove an historic development in world capital markets.

Mr Major said he was "giving consideration to an ecu bond issue, at the appropriate time, which would demonstrate further our attachment to the ecu and would strengthen London's important position in this rapidly growing market". A cautious and non-committal phrasing maybe, but one that clearly shows how far the Treasury's acceptance of the ecu has come.

Apart from the wider political considerations, the development of an ecu gilt market would mark London's claim as the natural centre of the fastest-growing bond market in Europe. It has some way to catch up.

The French government has already issued five, seven and ten-year ecu-denominated bonds (OATs) and ecu OAT futures last week began trading on the French futures market, the Matif.

Indeed the French have displayed an enthusiasm for the ecu that is unlikely ever to be matched by the Treasury, let alone by Downing Street. This has been demonstrated by the fact that the yields on the ecu bonds issued so far have been higher than those the French treasury could achieve by issuing in French francs.

The Italians also have a head start on Britain, with three issues to date carrying a total value of Ecu3.5 billion. And there has been a single Spanish issue for Ecu500 million. With such a high level of activity this year, the ecu bond market has been transformed from the familiar, steadily growing but really rather dull market of the Eighties.

As one enthusiastic analyst said: "The old ecu corporate bond market will continue to potter along. The ecu bond market of the future began this year."

Before this year the ecu bond market had been dogged by illiquidity as small corporate issues were snapped up by the legendary "Belgian dentists" and scarcely seen or heard of again. With minimal secondary trading, the issues were of little interest to the leading international, institutional investors.

One legacy of this history is the fact that the ecu market, though growing fast to its present level of almost Ecu90 million, is still overwhelmingly dominated by short-term issues. In fact, two thirds of the international issues outstanding are due to mature before 1994.

A real commitment to developing a longer-term market is therefore essential to maintaining the momentum of this year's developments.

A chunky 15-year ecu gilt would be a step in the right direction and may encourage some of the better-known British corporate names to follow suit.

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Terminal condition

GILES Vardey, popular and able managing director and head of equities at Swiss Bank Corp. and a man who likes to spend most of his spare time shopping for colourful braces, has banned his underlings from playing computer games on their terminals to while away the hours during the continuing lull in trading. In a memorandum entitled "Difficult markets and computer games", Vardey, aged 34, an Oxford rowing blue, stresses the need for all employees to be "creative and persistent in terms of ideas and generating transactions" given that revenues "are extremely hard to obtain". He goes on to say that, given the high costs involved in running a securities business, "I do not believe that computer games have any role to play during the working day." Vardey, who previously worked for County NatWest and Salomon Brothers, and is clearly destined for greater things, concludes that all computer games are therefore banned. "Any person seen using a computer game will be given the opportunity to play these games all day long — but not at SBC," warns the ever-witty Vardey.

Budget forecast

THE odds-on favourite day for next year's Budget is March 19. The reason for this prediction is that Paterson, Zochonis, the Cussons and Imperial Leather soap group, has chosen that day to produce its interim report — and for five out of the past six years PZ's interim report has come out on Budget day. "It really is just a coincidence," insists Alan Whittaker, PZ's finance director, who has seen off more Chancellors of the Exchequer than most.

Logica explanation

CITY analysts used to sifting through mounds of research material have been chuckling over the latest report and accounts from Logica, the independent software house. For the company, which saw pre-tax profits halve last year, has picked chaos theory as the topic of its 1990 annual report. "It's the first time we've had chaos as a theme," says a spokeswoman, who adds that comments on the glossy brochure, filled with colourful swirling pictures, have all been favourable. Analysts seeking clues to the change in Logica's fortunes are forced to decipher captions such as: "A solution to the Zakharov equations describes the electric field intensity in the ionosphere due to electromagnetic driving by the Arecibo antenna." A novel approach, it continues, has been developed using fractal algorithms to achieve compression ratios of over 10,000 to 1. "Logica usually have the most interesting reports," says one electronics analyst, who adds that prospects for the company appear more hopeful in the months ahead. Each to their own . . .

"They got the going rate — they've gone"

SIGN in the window of a shop in Tunbridge Wells: "Contact lens found. See proprietor (if you can)."

Polished act

THE sudden sacking by Hoenig Securities of two of its staff has had a curious effect on Nick Clough, hitherto a dealer at the soft commission house. For Clough, who was fired two weeks ago, has completely shaved his head — much to the horror of friends who feel that he is taking the affair too far. Thankfully, the reason for the move is nothing more sinister than a local production of *The King and I*, in which Clough has the starring role. "You could say it is a penance for not working in the City," says Clough, aged 46, who was once part of the traded options team at Smith New Court before joining Hoenig in 1989. "I have one or two interviews lined up, and have had to warn them about my appearance." Dealing aside, Clough also manages the stock exchange cricket club, which has just returned from a successful tour of Portugal. "We beat the opposition by a considerable margin on the field and in the bar," he adds.

Pole position

SOLICITORS are usually quick to spot an opportunity to do business, especially where Eastern Europe is concerned. But few could be cannier than Brian Clark, senior corporate partner at Nabarro Nathanson, who is leading efforts to boost business in Poland and the Soviet Union. Clark was spotted in full cry at the Royal Albert Hall recently during the Thousand Voices festival of male choirs, of which he is a vice-president. And he was joined by Sergi Vladimirsky, a popular Moscow musician who owns and plays 300 musical instruments. "He hopes this will qualify him for the *Guinness Book of Records*," says Clark, aged 54, who has his eye on some potentially lucrative projects in the Soviet Union. The firm, which sponsored the pre-concert reception, has wasted little time forging new links. It is helping the Polish government create a new legal framework to allow land previously owned by the state to pass into private hands.

CAROL LEONARD

LSE tax expert joins the Bank

PROFESSOR Mervyn King, a leading expert on taxation policy and corporate finance from the London School of Economics, has been appointed chief economist and executive director of the Bank of England.

He replaces John Flemming, who announced last month that he would be taking a senior post at the new European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

Although Mr King has specialised in microeconomic issues rather than monetary and exchange-rate policy, his macroeconomic background is closer to the Keynesian than the monetarist tradition. In 1981 he was a signatory of the letter from 364 leading British economists attacking the government for its recessionary policies. Friends say, however, that he later regretted signing the protest, and in the past few years he has been a frequent adviser to the Treasury on tax matters. He is said to have been the main author of the personal savings incentives introduced in the last Budget.

King: adviser to Treasury

In terms of political outlook, Mr King is said to be a centrist, who believes that government has an important role in social and industrial policy, but should generally try to do this by improving *market mechanisms*.

Mr King was educated at King's College, Cambridge, and Harvard. He was at one time a member of the Cambridge Department of Applied Economics headed by Wynne Godley, one of Margaret Thatcher's most vociferous academic critics. He later went to Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before becoming a professor at Birmingham.

ANATOLE KALETSKY

British deal marks beginning of Soviet aerospace exports to EC

Sailplane lands in record book

THE first Soviet aircraft sold directly into Britain was handed over to its new owner at RAF Halton, Buckinghamshire on Saturday, marking the beginning of Russian aerospace exports to the European Community. The Lithuanian-built LAK-12 high-performance sailplane is the first of up to 60 a year which a new firm at Market Harborough, Leicestershire hopes to sell throughout Europe in a strong challenge to Germany's total domination of the world market for competition gliders.

Complete with instruments, rigging aids and a glass-fibre road trailer, the LAK-12, which has a wing span of 67 feet, cost Michael Wilshere, an engineer, only £22,700 freight and VAT paid.

Lithuania's 25-year-old Sportine Aviacija, the largest producer of sailplanes and sporting aircraft in the USSR, is one of the 20,000 Soviet enterprises recently freed to oegotiate their own foreign deals.

It believes it can match the German's technical and productioo capabilities at little more than half the cost and is following up its challenge in competitioo gliders with powered light aircraft too.

Over 160 LAK-12s like that delivered to Mr Wilshere at the weekend have been built in recent years for use throughout the Soviet Unioo and Eastern bloc. A highly competitive derivative of eveo greater wingspan, 84 feet, is io flight test for delivery next spring.

Flying first: Frank Pozerskis' son Tony, a Baltic Sailplanes director, with Michael Wilshere and his LAK-12

Lithoanian-born Fraok Pozerskis, for more than 30 years one of Britain's leading competition soaring pilots, is spearheading the Lithuanians' export efforts with his new company, Baltic Sailplanes.

At 63, Mr Pozerskis recently competed in his 30th national championship. Since arriving as a penniless refugee in 1947 when he sold firewood door-to-door he has built a thriving timber import and sawmilling busioess at Kettering, Northamptonshire.

Sportine Aviacija invited him over last year for his first visit to his homeland since he left 46 years ago and asked him to become its European agent.

His command of the language, his competition experience and business record commended him. "They have the competence and facilities to match the Germans but they have no knowledge of Western-style marketing whatsoever," he says.

"I stressed three key requirements — on-time delivery, faultless spares backing and an impeccable standard of detailed finish and they have taken these on board. I have contracted to take all the sailplanes they can build — 60 a year at present but easily increased. When the new models hit the market they will be as good as anything the German makers can supply but at a much lower cost."

ROBERT RODWELL

GILT-EDGED

ERM honeymoon still has some romance left

There are two particularly contentious issues in the gilt-edged market at present — the outlook for base rates and the timing of new issues by the Bank of England. Both point to a marked change in the shape of the yield curve.

Much of the analysis of sterling membership of the European excbaoge-rate mechanism has referred to a boneymooo period of a firm pound and falling interest rates. At the end of last week, sterling was the weakest currency in the ERM. The boneymoon appeared to be over and the sober business of living with the ERM regime had started.

The original idea of a hooeymooo phase was that initually ERM entry would not be a constraint oo policy. The pouod was expected to stay well clear of the bottom end of the range for a while and so the factors determining base rates would be domestic rather than to do with sterling.

Indeed, despite the coincidence of timing, the motivatioo behind the last base rate cut was the state of the ecooomy rather than the ERM. The money supply, the slowdown in domestic demand and the prospective fall io inflatioo were cited by the Treasury as the reasons for easing mooetary policy.

From this perspective, there is little doubt that the trend in base rates should cootioue to be firmly downwards. The narrow money supply (M0) has dropped within target and the latest weekly figures for notes in circulatioo point to a further deceleration. At a time of high inflation, this points to a sharp fall in real money balances.

Should we pay any attention to narrow money? In a sophisticated financial economy, who cares about M0? The Treasury, apparently. It is a good indicator of consumer demand and the most up-to-date guide available for ganging the pace of the domestic economy. It has slowed and should continue to do so.

There is now little doubt that the economy is weak. Real GDP probably fell in the third quarter and the overall picture is flat for the second half of this year and the first half of next. The best in store is a modest pick-up in the second half of next year.

Partly because of this, inflation will fall, especially as measured by the headline rate. The first big drop in the annual rate will be in the November index, to about 9½ per cent, against the near-11 per cent rate now.

Next year, inflatioo will cootinue to decline, with 5½ per cent on the cards at mid-year. The underlying rate will come down more slowly, but inflatioo performance will clearly be improving.

Domestically, the argument for lower base rates will be straightforward. But will sterling allow rates to fall? ERM rules are clear and sterling drifting to the lower end of the permitted range could stop rate cuts, whatever the state of the economy might demand.

The conflict between the domestic and external requirements should not be that acute. Mooetary policy is extremely tight and this is being felt by businesses and consumers alike.

To argue that base rates need to stay at 14 per cent for a long period is unrealistic. The foreign exchange markets realise this and sterling's lacklustre performance in the ERM so far reflects the view that the longer-term direction in base rates is clearly down. The value of sterling in large part discounts this trend.

Currency forecasting is a hazardous business and often the toss of a coin is as accurate as an economist's most diligent efforts. Most forecasters oow talk in terms of exchange rate assumptions rather than forecasts. But to declare the honeymoon formally over is premature. Lower base rates justified by the economic fundamentals should not hit the currency too hard; we still expect base rates to be at 12 per cent by mid-1991.

The slowdown that led to the cut in base rates is affecting government finances as well. The history of recent years is that the level of activity has a more powerful influence on the government's fiscal position than is realised at the time.

A Budget-time forecast of a £7 billion fiscal surplus this year has been left high and dry by the economic slowdown. The chancellor said in the Mansioo House speech that the medium-term objective was for a balanced budget. That could be the result this financial year, with a small borrowing requirement next year.

The implication is that there will be a return to gilt issuance early next year. While this funding might initially be in the shorts, it will spread along the yield curve as the funding programme gathers pace.

The key question is how enthusiastic the long-term institutions will be in rebuilding their depleted gilt portfolios. While the borrowing requirement will be tiny by historical and international standards, it will be a drag on the medium area of the market.

It all points to the inversion of the yield curve at the short end of the gilt market lessening, or disappearing altogether. Sterling permitting, of course.

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Mineral water sales soar in Britain

By OUR INDUSTRIAL STAFF

SALES in Britain of mineral water have tripled in the last five years, according to a report today on the rise io consumption of bottled water in the United Kingdom.

The survey by Euromonitor, the market analyst group, suggests that recent factors behind the growth have been increasing consumer concern over the quality of tap water, and the unusually warm summers.

The report forecasts that the total market for mineral water in the United Kingdom will amount to £297 million this year, up from about £200 million in 1989. Even so, people in Britain still drink much less mineral water per head than most European countries. UK per capita consumption is only 5.5 litres each year. This compares with 79.9 litres per person each year io Italy, 76.3 in Germany, 68.4 in France and 30.1 in America.

Most mineral water drunk in Britain is sparkling. Only 29 per cent of all consumption is still, compared to France, for instance, where still water accounts for four fifths of all mineral water consumed.

Power Corp in second store deal with Gucci

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU

POWER Corporation, the commercial property developer, has made its second deal with Gucci, the Italian leather retailer, through the purchase of a property in Belgravia, London, that will serve as Gucci's flagship store in the capital.

The property, which comprises five retail shops at 17-22 Sloane Street, has been bought from City Site Estates, the property company, for £20.7 million. Two of the five shops will be combined to form the new Gucci store.

Power Corporation already partly owns a Gucci store property in Palm Beach, Florida. This was bought recently in a joint venture with a Florida developer.

Nick Orme, a director at Power Corporation, said the company was taking advantage of weak conditions in the property market.

The purchase in Belgravia is the first in the UK since the arrangement of a £100 million interest-only bank syndicate facility. This type of facility, sometimes refered to as "evergreen", carries only an interest charge until the company decides to repay the original loan.

Operating profits rise at CWS

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE Co-operative Wholesale Society, part of the Co-op group, made operating profits of £14.9 million for the six months to end-June, an increase of 6 per cent. Sales rose 9.5 per cent to £1.3 billion.

Leonard Fyfe, chairman of CWS, said belts were being tightened after a period when consumer spending had held up well. "In these circumstances CWS performance had been satisfactory and its retail operations continued to develop."

Sir Dennis Landau, the group chief executive, said the transfer to the CWS of the North Eastern Co-operative Society was the most significant event of the first half, although the North Eastern figures had not been included in the results.

Sir Dennis called for greater co-operation between the 80 societies running Co-op stores in the UK.

REPORTING THIS WEEK

Chemicals profit slump expected to hit ICI

EARNINGS at **Imperial Chemical Industries** are likely to show a significant downturn, largely because of sharply lower chemicals profits, when the international chemicals group reports third-quarter figures on Thursday.

Sir Denys Henderson, chairman of the group which is still seen as the barometer of British industry, recently gave warning that 1990 earnings would be lower than last year's.

The early tremors of the oil price shock will have been felt by the bulk chemicals businesses, but the full impact of the increased cost of oil and naphtha will be delayed until the fourth quarter. This will be offset by some improvement in selling prices.

Exchange rate movements have not been favourable to the group, but the pharmaceuticals division has been growing strongly. ICI will also see a significant extraordinary disposal gain from Enterprise Oil.

Richard Henderson at Nomura Research Institute expects third-quarter pre-tax profits of £180 million, against £306 million last time. Market forecasts range from £150 million to £180 million.

TODAY

Continued weakness in the UK automotive sector will affect profits at **Lucas Industries**, the automotive components and aerospace group headed by Tony Gill.

The group will struggle to improve profits, although a strong performance from aerospace operations should offset a poorer showing from the automotive side.

Lucas is thought to earn between 15 and 20 per cent of group profits from the UK motor sector, and analysts expect to see a 20 per cent decline in its UK automotive sales.

UBS Phillips & Drew has pencilled in final pre-tax profits of £190 million, compared with £187.1 million last time. Market forecasts range from £187 million to £196 million.

Hammerson Properties, the property investment and development company has more than half its portfolio outside the UK. This gives it considerable exposure to exchange rate movements which could take a toll on the group's net asset value.

However, the company will see strong growth in rental income and will benefit from £5 million property trading profits from the final payment for River Plate House.

Interim pre-tax profits are expected to slip from £38.2 million to £33 million, according to Barclays de Zoete Wedd. That is at the lower end of forecasts, which range from £33 million to £38 million.

Interims: Darby Group, Hammerson Property Investment and Development Corporation, TDS Circuits. **Finals:** Allied London Properties, Clydesdale Investment Trust, Lucas Industries, Scottish Metropolitan.
Economic statistics: Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (September), balance of payments, current account and overseas trade figures (September).

TOMORROW

Final pre-tax profits at **McKechnie**, the plastic and metal components group, are expected to fall from £39.1 million to between £29 million and £29.5 million, largely because of the group's high exposure to the UK economy.

Robert Donald at County NatWest WoodMac expects **Wolseley**, the distributor of building materials and plumbing and heating equipment, to turn in final pre-tax profits of £113.5 million, against £120.2 million last time. Market expectations range from £113 million to £120 million.

FR Group, which makes specialised equipment for the aircraft, electronics and energy industries, is largely defence orientated and has been hit by delays in spending on both sides of the Atlantic. BZW forecasts interim pre-tax profits of £11.5 million, compared £11.9 million last time.

Interims: Boxmore International, Densitron International, FR Group, Le Creuset, Plastiseal, Shell Oil Company (3rd quarter), Value and Income Trust. **Finals:** McKechnie, New Central Witwatersrand Areas, Pressac Holdings, Shandwick, Wolseley.
Economic statistics: Building societies monthly figures (September).

Hurn: series of strikes

Henderson: early warning

Gill: aerospace side strong

WEDNESDAY

Smiths Industries, the aerospace, medical systems and industrial products group where Roger Hurn is chief executive and managing director, is expected to report reasonable final results despite a series of difficulties.

Underlying volume is expected to have been satisfactory despite the effects on profits of a deteriorating dollar/sterling rate and strikes at Boeing, British Aerospace and Smiths itself.

Pre-tax profits are expected to climb from £111.7 million to £115 million, according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from £111 million to £118 million.

Interims: Bimec Industries, First Charlotte Assets Trust, SKF Group (3rd quarter), Sunleigh. **Finals:** British Assets Trust, Investors Capital Trust, Overseas Investment Trust, Smiths Industries.
Economic statistics: Index of production and construction for Wales (2nd quarter, provisional), construction — new orders (August, provisional).

THURSDAY

UDO Holdings, the reprographics and office supplies company, is expected to turn in final pre-tax profits of £9.3 million, against £7.9 million last time, according to Hoare Govett.

Despite a gloomy high street retail scene, analysts expect interim pre-tax profits at **Brown (N) Group**, the mail order company, to climb from £5.2 million to £5.5 million.

Interims: Airflow Streamlines, Brown (N) Group, Elliott (B), Ferguson International Holdings, Fleming Universal Investment Trust, Imperial Chemical Industries (3rd quarter), Philips' Lamps Holding (3rd quarter), Securities Trust of Scotland, Toshiba Corporation. **Finals:** Benson Group, Govett Strategic Investment Trust, Majedie Investments, Pegasus Group, Ramar Textiles, UDO Holdings.
Economic statistics: New earnings survey part C, energy trends (August).

FRIDAY

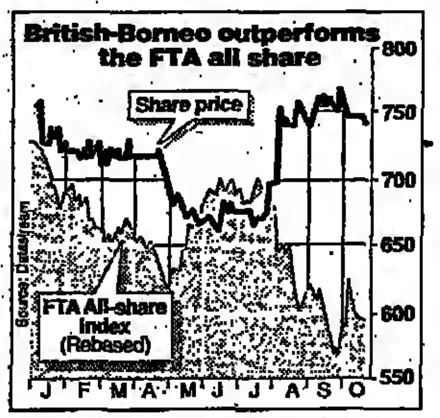
Profits at **Delyn Packaging**, the Welsh supplier of plastic packaging, will be adversely affected by significantly increased interest charges. However, BZW expects half-year pre-tax profits to climb from £305,000 to £400,000, thanks to organic sales growth.

Interims: Abertoyle Holdings, CPU Computers, Clayton, Son & Co (Holdings), Conrad Continental, Delyn Packaging, New Throgmorton Trust, RIT Capital Partners, Usborne. **Finals:** New Frontiers Development Trust.
Economic statistics: Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (August), new vehicle registrations (September).

PHILIP PANGALOS

SMALLER COMPANIES

British-Borneo strikes it rich in switch from investment to exploring



ALAN Gaynor, who earned his stars in the oil industry as joint managing director of Whitehall Petroleum, the Pearson subsidiary, found the challenge of breathing new life into the quaintly titled British-Borneo Petroleum Syndicate difficult to refuse.

He decided that the time was right for British-Borneo, after 50 years as a passive investment company, to re-enter the exploration arena. One year after spending £1.1 million on interests in several blocks in the relatively tranquil waters of the Gulf of Mexico, he remains convinced that the timing was right.

Investors appear to agree. In 1989, British-Borneo shares touched a low of 465p. They now trade at about 750p, having climbed 50p since Iraq invaded Kuwait, and looked steady even when oil prices began to soften last week.

In a short time, British-Borneo has increased the number of blocks in the Gulf of Mexico in which it has interests, while carrying out preliminary work on acreage in Italy and the North Sea, where it received interests in three prospective blocks during last year's licensing round. All this has been done without turning to the City or shareholders for cash. Not one new share has been issued, nor have borrowings been incurred. Analysts are also confident that even if British-Borneo's exploration programme fails, its ability to continue paying shareholders a dividend will be unaffected.

Mr Gaynor has achieved all this by tapping into the company's extensive investment portfolio, the nucleus of which is 4 million shares in Shell. There are also holdings in BP, Ultramar and a host of other British oil companies. He is funding the exploration programme by disposing of small parcels of shares from the portfolio, much of which was acquired in the Twenties and Thirties at prices substantially below present levels. The Shell shares are on the books at about 20p. Potential tax liabilities from share trading are employed to shelter drilling expenditure around the world. The Treasury is effectively funding British-Borneo's substantial exploration programme.

Between £3-£4 million a year will be invested in promising prospects, restricting stakes to between 10 and 20 per cent to limit the risk. Meanwhile, dividend income from the portfolio guarantees a steady earnings stream which underpins the company's ability to maintain its own dividend.

Higher oil prices have heightened concern in America over the country's dependence on foreign oil and given fresh urgency to plans to tap reserves in the Gulf of Mexico, creating great interest among American exploration concerns. Yet British Borneo was able to outbid rivals in August for four leases in the western Gulf, taking the number of blocks in which it has interests to 21; 12 months earlier, the company had none.

Gearing up for success

ANALYSTS are taking a fresh look at the troubled motor distribution sector since the 1 per cent cut in interest rates.

Peter Caldwell, of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, believes that although the reduction will not have an immediate impact on vehicle demand, it will alleviate the burden of high interest payments which has crippled many retailers.

Profit forecasts for 1990 are likely to remain unchanged but further reductions in interest rates, to which the sector is more sensitive than most, will underpin the prospects for 1990.

The message appears to be that although shares may remain dull, the worst could now be over. According to Mr Caldwell, the most likely beneficiaries are those that are highly geared. He singles out T Cowie, now at 48p; Lookers, at 79p; and Quicks, at 66p.

T Cowie, whose exceptionally high *gearing ratio of 380 per cent reflects the* company's exposure to contract hire, has estimated that a 1 per cent cut in interest rates adds about £2.4 million to profits in a full year, which equates to between 1p and 1.5p on earnings per share.

MARTIN BARROW

UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,810,000	ASB Barnett	29	..	..	..	..
17.0m	ASD	58	-2	..	..	4.1
2,888,000	ATA Selection	25	r +2	3.3o	13.2	6.0
9,272,000	Aberdeen Pet	18	-1			36.0
4,200,000	Aberdeen Stk Hse	35	..	1.0	2.9	..
27.6m	Acal	201	..	6.2	3.1	11.1
8,639,000	Acorn Comp	10	-4	..	..	2.7
9,852,000	Airsprung	105	..	7.3	7.0	8.1
22.8m	Alan Paul	121	+1	4.0	3.3	12.1
2,198,000	Albrighton	40	-1	8.3	23.3	2.2
19.1m	Allen	86	..	8.4	7.4	5.6
11.7m	Allied Ins	118	+2	5.3	4.5	11.7
14.9m	Ald Leisure	86	● ..	5.2	6.0	6.3
7,288,000	Amberley Gp	20	..	2.0	10.0	5.9
64.5m	Amer Bus Sys	171	..	3.2	1.9	8.2
10.8m	Anglo Pac Res	14	-3	..e	..	22.8
4,875,000	Apollo Watch Prods	10	-1	0.7	7.0	5.4
32.1m	App Holographics	216				
31.9m	Ashtead	178	-8	5.0	2.8	6.3
21.7m	Aspen Comms	168	●-22	10.8b	6.4	5.2
222.8m	Asprey	280	..	5.0	2.1	14.9
969,000	Assoc Energy	3½	-½	..	..	..
2,226,000	Assoc Farmers	2063	..	..t	..	..
7,795,000	Assoc Nursing	143	..	4.0	2.8	4.1
6,883,000	Atlantic Sec	33	..	..	..	60.0
51.3m	Atlas Equipment	635	+5	22.0	3.5	18.0
2,272,000	Audit General	6½	-½	1.4	21.5	6.0
3,137,000	Automagic	55	● ..	8.7	15.8	14.7
2,238,000	BBB Design	27	..	2.8	10.4	5.0
8,358,000	BCE	12	-1	..e	..	..
13.0m	BLP Group	34	..	0.4	1.2	11.0
2,438,000	BTS Grp	16	r -7	1.0	8.3	2.4
7,215,000	BWD	42	-1	5.0	11.9	5.4
2,646,000	Beaverco	30	..	2.5	8.3	..
14.0m	Beckenham	51	-4	4.0	7.8	5.3
998,000	Berford (William)	21	+1	..e	..	8.2
7,085,000	Bensons Crisps	94	..	3.0	3.2	8.0
3,773,000	Berry Birch & Noble	80	-5	..	..	17.1
25.2m	Better Cons Prods	128	+2	4.9	3.9	13.7
3,878,000	Biston&Battersea	92	● ..	6.3	6.8	10.5
4,826,000	Bio Isolates	25	-1	..	..	47.2
22.8m	Bioplan	16	-1	..	..	..
——	Blanchards	..	..	..t	..	..
1,765,000	Beachley Motors	60	..	10.5	17.5	4.0
4,112,000	Bluebird Toys	52	..	9.0	17.3	3.1
3,238,000	Border TV	32	-2	2.8	8.8	12.8
139.4m	Borland	£11¾	+2½	..	..	..
12.7m	Boxmore Intl	118	..	7.4	6.3	7.5
4,840,000	Brewmaker	7	..	0.3	4.3	25.0
3,216,000	Br Bloodstock	85	..	11.7	13.8	10.5
3,013,000	Broad St	8½	-1	1.0	15.4	2.1
13.7m	Brompton Hldgs	76	●-2	4.0	5.3	15.8
18.8m	Bula Resources	3½	-½			70.0
9,821,000	Business Tech	66	●-11	5.3	8.0	4.0
2,214,000	CCS Gp	14	..	0.7	5.0	11.9
24.6m	CML Micro	141	..	3.1	2.2	9.1
3,105,000	CPU Comp	10	..	0.8	4.4	10.9
13.9m	Cap & Regional	115	●-3	1.2	1.0	4.0
21.1m	Capita Gp	169	● ..	4.3	2.5	18.3
10.2m	Carron Phoenix	90	..	1.8	2.0	75.0
1,844,000	Cassidy Bros	38	..	1.0	2.8	..
12.8m	Castle Comm	203	-7½	11.3	5.8	9.8
14.1m	Central Motor	105	-2	4.3	4.1	11.3
9,563,000	Chelsea Man	88	-2	3.9	4.4	5.0
1,152,000	Chestergate Gp	7	..	3.1	44.3	..
6,198,000	Chieftain Group	75	● ..	6.1	8.1	7.3
1,108,000	Cecaprint	27	..	3.2	15.2	2.9
2,437,000	City & West	0¾	..	..	..	..
3,155,000	City of Lon	41	..	3.8	9.3	5.2
16.7m	Clarke Hooper	110	..	5.7	6.2	8.5
17.1m	Clearmark	7	..	..	..	5.2
33.4m	Cluff Resources	71	-5	1.3	1.8	71.7
0,111.0m	Colorgen Inc	7½		..	..	..
16.3m	Colorgraphic	100	●-3	9.2	8.2	8.1
27.3m	Colourvision	135	-8	7.3	5.4	12.6
1,909,000	Co of Designers	11	-1	0.9	8.2	3.4
1,284,000	Comac	20	..	..	..	..
37.4m	Conroy Pet	99	-14	..	..	..
7,432,000	Cook (DC)	31	..	1.3	4.2	6.8
3,922,000	Cooper Clarke	53	●-3	6.0	11.3	6.1
4,447,000	Copymore	41	●-2	3.3	8.0	64.1
17.0m	Cramphorn	103	+3	2.6	2.5	14.5
1,086,000	Cranbrook	11	+3	..e	..	..
4,419,000	Cranswick	65	-1	7.4	11.4	7.6
6,528,000	Craton Lodge	2½	..	..	..	..
5,221,000	Creighton Nat	115	-8	7.5	6.5	32.7
22.9m	Crossroads Oil Gp	65	-1	..e	..	..
23.4m	Crown Com.	84	+3	6.7	8.0	..
1,488,000	Crown Eye	93	-2	3.0	3.2	7.6
4,548,000	Davies (DY)	78	● ..	7.6	9.7	4.9
26.3m	Dean & Bowes	145	●-2	8.0	5.5	10.0
4,930,000	Delmar	70	..	..	..	14.1
6,896,000	Denmans Elec	148	..	7.3	4.9	5.8
38.8m	Dewey Warren	73	+10	5.3	7.3	5.8
——	Diamond Gp		..	1.5t	..	..
19.3m	Dolphin Packaging	100	● ..	5.3	5.3	11.4
29.0m	Druck	460	● ..	10.9	2.4	11.5
2,661,000	Dunton	13	..	0.6	4.6	
5,895,000	Dudley Jenkins	100	..	5.1	5.1	11.2
9,187,000	Durham (DG)	48	..	2.7	5.6	10.6
8,839,000	EW Fact	113	●-12	4.6	4.2	13.9
5,715,000	Eade	20	+2	..e	..	7.4
6,458,000	EFG	35	-3	4.7	13.4	7.2
3,578,000	Edin Oil & Gas	22	-1			
20.9m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	100	-4	5.5	5.1	26.2
8,254,000	Electron House	32	● ..	7.8	24.4	2.7
18.4m	Edwin	117	● ..	8.4	7.2	8.3
22.0m	Eve Group	235	..	11.3	4.8	7.4
16.9m	Expedier Plc	38	+2	0.7	1.8	13.6
10.0m	Exposure Hldgs	18	-1½	..	..	..
16.6m	Fairhaven Intl	13	-½	..e	..	..
6,869,000	Fairway London	47	..	3.7	7.9	12.1
25.8m	Farepak	237	..	7.8	3.3	14.3
4,570,000	Faupel	58	..	6.5	11.2	6.9
3,045,000	Feedback	36	..	2.3	6.4	12.6
3,754,000	Ferrari	14	..	..	..	2.6
6,297,000	Ferromet	2¼	..	..	..	3.0
14.1m	Ferrum	62	-4	2.0	3.2	15.7
27.0m	Field (Mrs)	18	..	..e	..	..
3,347,000	Filofax	15	+2	..	..	..
27.6m	Firstland	16	-2	..	..	36.6
32.9m	Flextech	143	-3	1.3	0.9	13.9
25.1m	Ford Sellar	67	● ..	9.3	13.9	1.7
2,024,000	Forward Gp	39	..	1.3	3.3	
13.9m	Freeman Gp	215	..	11.1	5.2	8.0
5,078,000	French Conn	32	..	3.6	11.3	..
81.0m	Fuller Smith 'A'	405	+5	7.3	1.8	17.7
7,084,000	GCF Gp	30	..	2.3	7.7	..
8,467,000	GWR Gp	283	-10	16.0	5.7	7.7
4,407,000	Gabicci	38	●-2	5.3	13.9	4.6
7,688,000	Gibbon Lyons	110	..	7.8	7.2	7.9
14.7m	Gibbs Mew	268	..	9.0	3.4	
27.5m	Global Gp	23	..	..t	..	11.6
23.2m	Great Southern	157	● ..	11.2	5.7	13.4
9,449,000	Green (Ernest)	120	●-10	9.3	7.0	4.7
770,000	Greenwich Comms	17	..			
3,498,000	Guesthouse	15	..	0.2	1.3	50.0
16.0m	Hadleigh Inds	221	..	8.0	3.6	11.6
4,823,000	Halls Homes	41	●-2	4.0	9.8	..
5,389,000	Hampden Homecare	35	● ..	1.1	3.1	5.2
8,874,000	Handley Walker	126	-4	10.7	8.5	6.3
4,134,000	Harcourt	13	-1	2.4	18.5	..
3,891,000	Harmony Leisure	15	..	0.2	1.3	
12.3m	Hawthorn Leslie	6½	-2½	0.9	13.0	4.2
4,348,000	Headland Gp	9	..			
6,091,000	Heartlines	245	..	4.1	1.7	26.1
9,461,000	do 'A' LV	195	..	4.1	2.1	20.7
1,677,000	Heritage	31	+9	1.3	4.2	
8,723,000	Hewetson	98	-3	6.0	6.1	6.0
3,145,000	Hey & Croft	25	..	..	..	4.9
3,611,000	Hobson	9	-1½	..e		
2,495,000	Holders Tech	80	..	8.0	10.0	14.5
1,624,000	Honeysuckle Gp	20	..			1.6
18.5m	Hornby	228	-2	10.0	4.4	8.1
8,433,000	Hughes Food	11½				4.5
31.1m	Hughes (HT)	125	-1	4.0	3.2	26.1
10.1m	Huntleigh Tech	129	● ..	3.3	2.8	16.9
4,046,000	INSTEM	90	● ..	3.8	4.0	8.9
4,000,000	Intl Comms	11	..			
3,919,000	Ibex Hldgs	29	●-4	2.7	9.3	2.8
382,000	Image Storage	18	..	..	..	..
15.4m	Inoco	7½	-1	..e	..	..
5,162,000	Intercare	53	..			
14.6m	Interlink Express	50	●+2	11.2	12.4	3.6
4,000,000	Intl Comm & Data	11	..	..	..	..
1,446,000	Intl Media	4½	-½	..	..	..
2,707,000	JMD Group	3½	..			8.5
13.6m	Jacques Vert	145	+15	13.3	9.2	4.8
11.2m	Kenmare Res	23½	-1½			
13.9m	Kewill Systems	145	..	4.5	3.1	8.3
7,346,000	Klark-Teknik	48	..	2.2	4.8	10.3
3,864,000	LPA Ind	43	-3	4.5	10.5	6.7
10.0m	Lambert	178	● ..	14.1	7.9	10.4
3,077,000	Laser-Scan	30	-1	..	..	
8,269,000	LBMS Plc	65	..	2.9	4.5	30.8
1,822,000	LGW	41	..	1.3	3.2	53.2
5,547,000	Lincat	80	● ..	6.8	8.5	5.8
644,000	Lincoln Hse	4	-2	..	..	1.0
10.8m	Lon & Clydeside	120	..	8.5	7.1	7.8
78.0m	Lon Forfaiting	78	●+2	9.7	12.4	..
12.6m	MMT Comp	117	..	3.5	3.0	9.2
23.2m	MTL Instruments	133	●-3	3.5	2.6	12.0
8,250,000	Magnetic Materials	45	● .	4.0	8.9	7.9
5,239,300	March Gp	18		..e	..	
8,440,000	Marylebone	11	-1	.	..	3.1
1,700,000	[illegible]	5	+1			..
4,865,000	Mayborn	25	● .	5.1	20.4	
36.1m	Menvier-Swain	310	-5	9.1	2.9	11.5
1,595,000	Merchant Mgmt Est	6		1.3	21.7	
33.0m	Merrydown Wine	512	s +4	8.3	1.6	24.4
10.2m	Metal Bulletin	116	..	8.4	7.2	12.0
21.8m	Metsec	142	●-2	8.2	5.8	6.6
20.5m	Micrelec	158	-2	5.3n	3.4	13.4
4,793,000	Microvitec	11	●	0.3	1.6	5.9
17.2m	Midland Scot Res	108	-12	.	..	
2,640,000	Miskin Gp	14	..			
4,737,000	Morris Ashby	58	..	5.5	9.5	6.7
7,615,000	Movitt	6	.	2.3	25.0	3.8
10.6m	New England Props	11	+½	1.3	11.8	16.7
270,000	Do 10%	£90	.	1000	11.1	
1,802,000	[illegible]	26	●-2	0.9	3.5	10.7
10.2m	Northumbrian Fine	44	-1	2.0	4.5	..
801,000	Optometrics	8	..	..	..	..
3,285,000	Orchid Tech	65	..	..	..	..
6,710,000	Osborne & Little	95	-1	7.7	8.1	6.3
4,749,000	PCT	107	● ..	8.0	7.5	9.3
1,407,000	PML	16		..e		2.7
4,948,000	Pacer Systems	51	.	..	..	
3,420,000	Paramount	9½	-1			10.2
1,194,000	Pathfinders	5	.	..e		15.2
2,036,000	Pavion	3		e		
10.2m	Pegasus	163	-7	15.1	8.3	5.2
23.4m	Pope Group	68	.	6.7	9.9	3.6
45.6m	Pet Pot	134	-1			15.9
3,459,000	Plasmec	75	● .	6.7	8.3	8.4
5,113,000	Platon	48		e		9.1
3,531,000	Porth Gp	23	-7	2.1	10.0	5.8
8,842,000	Porvair	73	● .	3.7	5.1	13.8
2,240,000	Prism Leisure	81		6.0	7.4	15.0
14.9m	Property Company	57	●-3	4.3	6.4	7.5
9,144,000	Property Trust	1				25.0
16.2m	Psion	74	●+2	3.2	4.3	7.2
11.8m	[illegible]	41	+6	2.9	7.1	9.5
r 446,000	R & V Info	19	-3			
6,856,000	RKF	13	-3	.	..	2.2
1,167,000	RMT Gp	6	r			
6,009,000	Radio City 'A'	273	-15	14.0	5.1	6.4
14.8m	Radio Clyde	232		10.7	4.6	11.6
12.7m	Radius	47	..	3.7	7.6	12.1
8,758,000	Ramco Oil	52	-1	1.3e	2.5	14.2
1,890,000	Ramus	43	-8	2.0	4.7	
10.6m	[illegible] Bros	151	●-1	9.3	6.2	8.3
3,500,000	Real Time Control	50	-2	1.3	2.6	.
3,314,000	Regal Hotels	31	-5	7.8	25.2	
614,000	Regina Health	2½	r -½			1.6
15.8m	Reliance Sec	144	+2	8.9	6.1	5.3
8,303,000	Reliant Gp	7	-1	0.9	12.9	2.4
9,100,000	Rwa	35	.			4.2
28.8m	Resort Hotels	70		4.3n	6.1	1.6
1,204,000	Rockwood	[illegible]				
7,699,000	Rolfe & Nolan	143	+8	5.7	4.0	11.4
13.5m	Roskol	90	-3	5.7	8.1	6.4
17.4m	RPS Group	147	●-8	4.0	2.7	15.6
8,686,000	SEP Indl	25	..	1.4	5.8	8.6
650,000	SPS Consultancy	13	+1		e .	50.0
1,925,000	Sandell	77	.	5.9	7.7	79.4
10.5m	Sanders Sidney	220		10.0	4.5	23.3
15.8m	Sanderson Elect	195	-25	11.2	5.7	8.5
12.9m	Savage	34	+1	2.7	7.9	
10.4m	Scot Heritable	29	● .	4.7	16.2	2.1
7,639,000	Seacon	82		4.2	5.1	5.1
9,230,000	Sec Archives	150	+5	8.7	5.8	11.1
2,657,000	Select Ads	17	-2			0.5
7,674,000	Serif Cowells	31	● .	4.7	15.2	4.5
8,579,000	Severfield-Reeve	63	●-2	5.3	8.4	4.4
2,890,000	Sheldon Jones	75	●-6	6.3r	8.4	10.6
2,403,000	Shelton (Martin)	49	..	3.3	6.9	1.4
8,190,000	Sheriff Hldgs	126	..	7.5	6.0	9.0
6,448,000	Sherwood Comp	125	● ..	7.0	5.6	3.6
49.8m	Sherwood Group	310	●	11.2	3.6	9.1
3,576,000	Shorco	120	-10	6.5	5.4	5.6
44.1m	Sims Food	195	-7	13.1	6.7	8.6
3,500,000	Soundtracks	35	..	2.9	8.3	7.2
57.4m	[illegible] Bus	61	+1	3.4	5.6	6.0
7,173,000	SW Resources	1¼	..			
23.5m	Spandex	220		7.0	3.2	9.7
2,239,000	Specialeyes	18	-2			
2,353,000	[illegible] Meter	35	.	1.3	3.6	3.3
142.7m	Stanhope Props	66	.	0.1e	0.1	130
23.6m	Sterling Pub	103	+7	8.0	7.8	6.2
5,117,000	Sunleigh Elec	18	-1	2.7	16.9	1.6
17.6m	Sutherland	33	-1	2.0	6.1	
3,002,000	Synapse Comp	65	-5	4.5	5.3	.
720,000	TDS Circuits	6	..	t		
8,438,000	TLS Range	58		5.7	9.7	7.8
24.1m	TMD Advert	261	-2	7.4	2.8	14.8
126.2m	TV-am	150	●+r	16.0	8.4	8.2
1,259,000	Telecomputing	20	-1	.	.	.
1,722,000	Telford Gp	5				
9,629,000	Tenido	6¼	-¼	.	.	78.1
3,866,000	Term Plc	6½	.			
9,080,000	Thornton GW	137	.	6.3	4.6	10.0
5,544,000	Tinsley (Eliza)	77	.	6.9	9.0	7.0
3,424,000	Tron	50	.	4.0	8.0	5.9
4,793,000	Torex Hire	48	.	3.2	6.7	8.4
r 500,000	Total Systems	15	..	..	..	
2,316,000	Tranwood	2¼	-¼	.	..	0.6
11.1m	Transworld	100	-5			4.3
5,743,000	Treatt	61	-2	4.3	7.0	6.3
21.7m	Trencherwood	87	-8	2.3	2.6	4.9
5,892,000	Trevian Hldgs	53	-2	3.4	5.3	4.1
11.0m	Trilion	19		0.7	3.7	33.3
6,504,000	Tubular Edgin	9½	-½	0.7	7.4	6.3
1,581,000	Tudor	29	-3	3.6	12.9	4.7
198.0m	[illegible] Friendly	252	●-5	12.3	4.9	
9,444,000	Unit Group	175	-4	6.7	3.8	19.9
4,292,000	Usher (Frank)	62	●	6.0	12.9	4.9
1,098,000	Venture Plant	7	-5	.		0.8
5,647,000	VTR Plc	78	..	4.1	6.4	7.0
6,645,000	Vistec	8½	.	0.1	1.2	9.1
2,625,000	Welpac	10		0.7	7.0	8.2
4,716,000	Wensum	63	.	4.1	6.5	10.8
14.8m	Wentworth	14	●	1.3	9.3	4.1
3,783,000	[illegible]	36	-4	4.0	11.1	.
19.6m	Westbury	8½		0.8	9.4	6.1
6,025,000	West Scaffold	58	..	6.7	11.6	6.2
3,457,000	[illegible]	5				
2,504,000	Whittles Mackay	35	-20	8.1	17.4	4.0
——	William (Beal) Hldgs			t		
4,864,000	Wood John D & Co	53	+1	2.9	4.6	17.8
2,560,000	Wid of Leather	32	.	e		
15.6m	Wyevale	260	1 .	7.6	3.0	21.2
15.4m	Wyke	67	-1	6.3	7.5	7.3
13.4m	XCL Sunrise	7½	-	..	..	.
7,169,000	XM-vision	8	-2	.	.	..
4,561,000	[illegible]	39	r	1.0	2.6	16.5
15.5m	Yorkshire Radio	165	-3	6.0	3.6	17.0
15.3m	Young Group	140	+1	10.4	7.4	6.6
2,945,000	Zurich Group	3	-½	..	.	1.0

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
514.2m	Alliance	£10½	..	50.7	5.0	28.5
100.9m	Amer Trust	122½	+2½	6.1	5.0	23.9
252.4m	Ang & O'seas	221	+5	7.7	3.5	31.9
14.8m	Anglo Scan Inv Tst	74	..	6.0	8.1	
44.9m	BZW Conv	89	..	20.3	22.8	19.9
120.8m	Bankers	78	-½	3.5	4.5	30.6
6,138,000	Berry Starq	118	-1	e	..	53.9
261.1m	Br Assets	68	+¼	5.0	7.4	24.4
81.1m	Br Empire Sec	48	..	1.0	2.2	42.6
1,596,000	do Wnts	12	+1	..		
343.2m	Br Inv	550	+3	28.7	5.2	24.1
87.0m	Brunner	136	..	5.4	4.0	32.2
42.0m	City & Comm	£12	..	..	..	..
19.0m	Cont Venture	179	..	0.1	0.1	..
29.2m	Cont Asset	135	+1	0.1	0.1	
22.4m	Derby Inc	190	..	22.0	11.6	12.6
23.2m	Do Cap	180	-5	..	..	..
62.3m	Drayton Asia	62	+4	..		
147.0m	Drayton Cons	430	..	20.7	4.9	28.4
42.5m	Drayton Eng Ind	103	+2	4.0	3.9	37.5
63.9m	Drayton Far East	85	+3	2.8	3.1	
140.3m	Dunedin Inc Gth	443	+3	32.0b	7.2	19.2
130.1m	Dunedin Worldwide	388	+1	10.5	2.7	46.2
38.3m	Dundee & Lon	228	+1	14.5	8.4	31.1
567.0m	Edinburgh	193	+4	9.7	5.0	24.6
82.3m	Electric Gen	91	..	3.3b	3.0	31.5
85.5m	English Scot	107	●-1	4.1	3.8	32.5
227.3m	Ensign	76	-1	1.7	2.2	53.5
71.0m	F & C Eurotrust	313	+7	2.9	0.9	
37.3m	F & C Eurotrust	95	+3	..	..	20.7
37.3m	F & C Germany	86	+3	..	..	20.7
160.6m	F & C Pacific	151	●+11	1.8	1.3	79.5
62.8m	F & C Smaller	70½	-½	2.0	2.8	39.6
6,375,000	First Charlotte	8½	..	0.3	3.5	36.6
44.0m	First Tokyo Index	100	+10			
82.0m	Fleming American	124	+4	2.0	1.6	77.5
51.2m	Fleming Claver	256	+2	12.7	5.0	29.8
50.8m	Fleming Enterprise	127	+2	5.1	4.0	30.5
257.0m	Fleming Far East	170	+12	2.0	1.2	
21.2m	Fleming Fledgeling	169	-2	4.0	2.4	36.2
22.2m	Fleming High Inc	89	..	7.1	8.0	14.2
156.9m	Fleming Japanese	203	+17	1.0e	0.5	
278.9m	Fleming Mercantile	193	+2	8.2	4.2	29.6
203.2m	Fleming Overseas	153	+6	5.3	3.5	38.4
135.7m	Fleming Universal	208	+4	3.7	1.0	
653.6m	For Col	132	+2	3.7	2.8	48.6
112.3m	GT Japan	180	●+12	1.9	1.1	..
17.0m	General Cons Cap	84	..			
41.2m	Do Inc	114	..	13.0b	11.9	12.1
99.2m	Govett Atlantic	122½	+½	4.7b	3.8	31.7
253.6m	Govett Oriental	279	+6	2.1	0.8	
101.9m	Govett Strategy	169	+1	8.7	5.3	28.0
29.4m	Greenfriar	256	..	5.3	2.1	53.6
13.3m	Gresham House	315	..	9.7	3.1	18.9
33.9m	Independent Inv Co	36½	..	0.3	0.8	
222.6m	Inv Cap	90	-½	6.3	7.0	19.5
24.0m	Ivory Sime Opt Inc	83	●-1	9.1	11.0	..
20.5m	Ivory Sime 0% Pf	121	.			
106.1m	Kleinwort Charter	131	+1	5.8	4.4	24.2
105.1m	Kleinwort O'seas	131	+6	4.5	3.4	40.3
13.3m	Kleinwort Smaller	101	o	5.0	5.9	16.5
76.6m	Law Debenture	336	+2	19.0	5.6	23.4
3,225,000	Leveraged Opp	43		.	..	10.1
31.1m	Lon Amer Ventures	34	-1			
177.7m	Lon Merchant Sec	73	● .	4.5	8.2	15.4
179.9m	Merchants	172	●+1	11.7	6.8	19.1
922.2m	Merrill Lynch	£8¼	+¼			
214.5m	Monks Inv Tst	276	-1	8.0	[illegible]	56.3
172.0m	Murray Income	208	●+1	12.0	5.8	20.4
236.9m	Murray Intl	201	●+2	13.6	6.8	16.4
103.3m	Murray Small	165	.	4.5	2.4	60.0
58.4m	Murray Venture	228	●	12.5	5.5	19.2
58.0m	New Frontier	58	.	1.1	1.2	[illegible]
28.0m	do 6¾% Ln	£90½	-5	660	7.0	
37.1m	[illegible] Inc 83	95		10.75	11.3	11.1
68.4m	O'seas Inv Tst	180	-6	2.5	1.6	58.8
19.9m	Pacific Assets	140	+2	1.2	0.9	..
7,303,000	[illegible]	8				
5,376,000	Personal Assets	36	--	1.3	3.6	[illegible]
145.2m	RIT Cap Prtnrs	88	-4	3.5	4.0	21.1
25.0m	River & Merc	93			.	
——	Robeco	262	-7			..
——	Rolinco	247	+8	..	.	
1,881.6m	Rorento	£18	-½			
70.8m	St Andrew Inv Tst	206	-2	8.6p	4.3	29.8
345.6m	Scottish	136		5.2	3.8	42.2
213.5m	Scot American	95	-1½	5.0p	5.2	26.5
316.6m	Scot Eastern	50	● .	1.6	3.2	41.0
12.9m	Scot Merc A	81		4.6	5.7	22.3
432.8m	Scot Mtge	129	+1½	4.5	3.P	30.5
171.8m	Second Alliance	895	●-4	44.0	4.9	32.5
192.1m	Secs Tst of Scotland	60	-.	3.8b	6.3	20.7
24.0m	Selective Asset	83		0.9	1.1	
34.5m	Sphere Inv	28	-1	5.0	17.5	7.3
76.0m	[illegible]	224	●-6	16.0	7.1	14.3
29.2m	TR Far East	63	-1	5.3	8.4	10.0
177.8m	TR City Of Lon Dfd	93	●+½	5.6	6.0	21.6
38.1m	TR Pacific	54	+1½	0.3	0.5	
80.3m	TR Property	31	-1	1.9	6.1	18.9
10.1m	TR Tech Inv	28		2.1	7.5	9.0
191.5m	TR Smll Cos	107½	-2½	4.5	4.2	29.0
127.1m	Temple Bar	222		14.1	6.4	16.7
59.8m	Thornton Asian Emg	59	+1			
165.2m	Throgmorton	59	+2	4.4	7.5	18.5
8,975,000	Throg Dual	286	-10			
87.3m	Tribune	190	-2	8.1	4.3	28.1
15.1m	Triplevest Plc	63	●	2.6	[illegible]	30
51.6m	USDC Investment	141	● .	5.1	3.6	33.7
11.7m	Value Inc Tst	58	-.	2.9o	5.0	16.8
86.2m	Westpool	105	●-1	2.9	2.8	26.8
318.0m	Whitbread Inv	501	+7	15.5	3.1	42.9
444.1m	Witan	130	-2	5.7	4.4	23.5

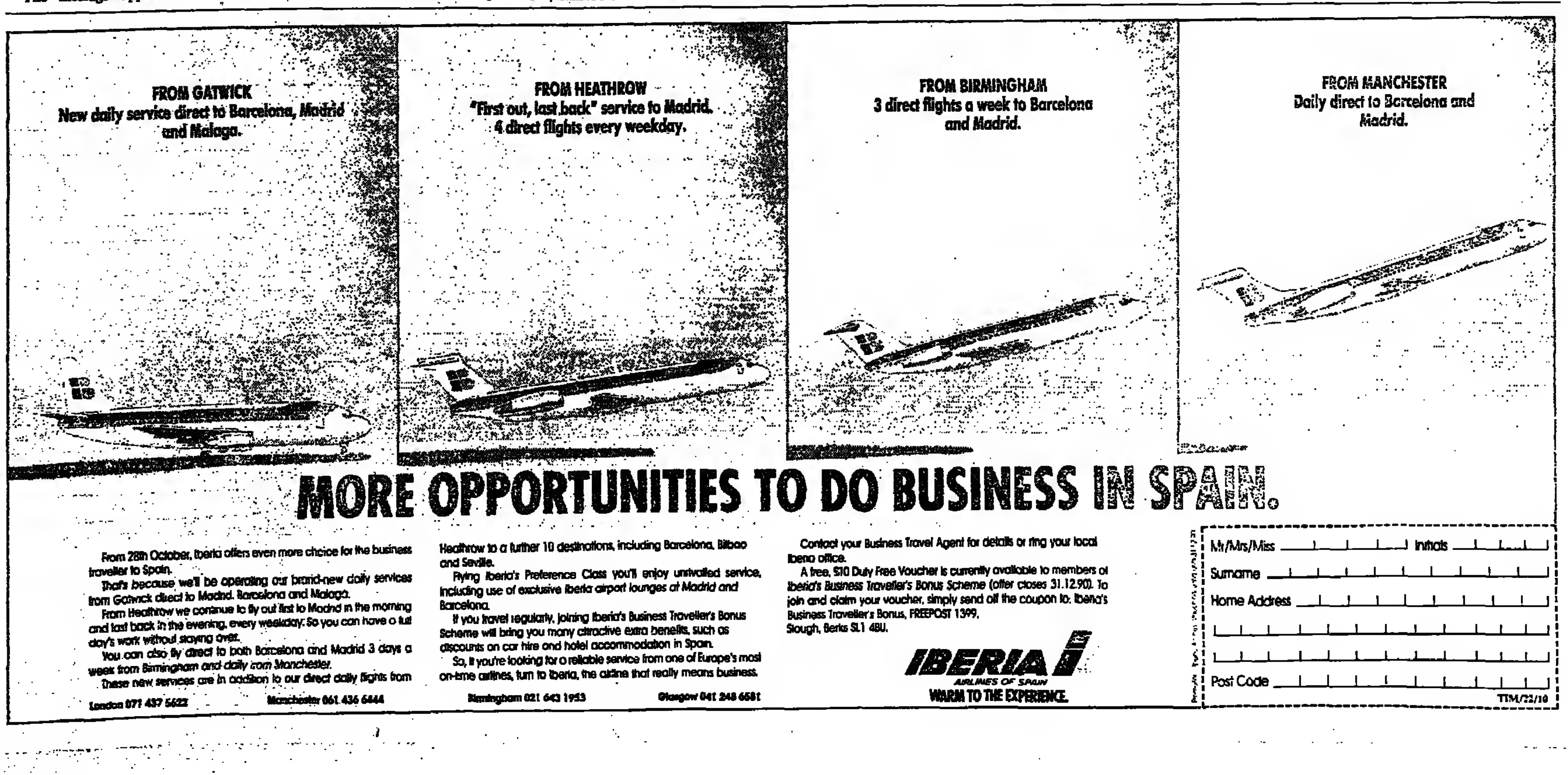
THIRD MARKET

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,574,000	Andaman Res	51	+3	.	..	
2,929,000	Cale In.	225	..			24.6
——	Chartwell	300		1.3	0.4	5.6
4,745,000	Caspian Oil	14	-1½	.	..	
810,000	Chelsea Art	25	-2	.	..	..
3,209,000	Chemex Intl	17	-2	..	.	..
4,015,000	[illegible] Storage	195				
2,261,000	[illegible]	31	-2	.		
1,938,000	Far E Res	5½	-½			
1,940,000	[illegible]	70	..	1.3	1.9	6.7
——	[illegible]	.		..	.	
950,000	[illegible] (PE)	5				
9,474,000	[illegible]	6	-1	1.2	20.0	1.0
4,520,000	[illegible]	27	.	.		4.5
1,266,000	UPL	29	.	.		
3,470,000	Video Magic Gp	21	.			5.0

GOLD

BULLION: Per ounce
Open: $374.75-375.25 Close: $372.25-372.75
High: $374.75-375.25 Low: $369.00-369.50

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $383.00-388.00 (£195.00-198.00)
Krugerrand: $371.00-374.00 (£189.00-191.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $383.00-388.00 (£195.00-198.00)
American Eagles: $383.00-388.00 (£195.00-198.00)
New Sovereigns: $87.50-88.50 (£44.50-45.25)
Old Sovereigns: $87.50-88.50 (£44.50-45.25)
Platinum: $410.70 (£210.15)
Palladium: $92.75 (£47.45)
Silver: $4.27-4.29 (£2.180-2.195)



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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Greenall Wht	Breweries	
2	THORN EMI (aa)	Electricals	
3	Body Shop	Drapery,Stores	
4	Doctus	Industrials A-D	
5	Utd Newspapers (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
6	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
7	Transport Dev	Transport	
8	TSB (aa)	Banks,Discount	
9	Beazer PLC (aa)	Building,Roads	
10	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
11	Douglas (RM)	Building,Roads	
12	Brierley Inv	Industrials A-D	
13	Amec	Building,Roads	
14	Booker	Foods	
15	Cater Allen	Banks,Discount	
16	Hazlewood Foods	Foods	
17	Fitch-RS	Paper,Print,Adv	
18	NFC	Transport	
19	Smiths Ind (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
20	Caledonia	Transport	
21	EMAP	Newspapers,Pub	
22	Br Airways (aa)	Transport	
23	TI (aa)	Industrials S-Z	
24	Portals	Industrials L-R	
25	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
26	Wilson Bowden	Building,Roads	
27	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
28	Herring Son	Property	
29	Allied Lon	Property	
30	Olives Hldgs	Paper,Print,Adv	
31	Kleen-EZe	Industrials E-K	
32	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
33	Cookson (aa)	Industrials A-D	
34	GKN (aa)	Industrials E-K	
35	Travis Perkins	Building,Roads	
36	First Tech	Electricals	
37	Rugby Group	Building,Roads	
38	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	Banks,Discount	
39	Barlow Rand	Industrials A-D	
40	Boots (aa)	Industrials A-D	
41	Aum Sec	Electricals	
42	Br Syphon	Industrials A-D	
43	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
44	Mitel	Electricals	
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Weekly Dividend

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The winner of the weekend Portfolio *Platinum prize of £8,000 is Mrs Ruth* Bevan of Brockweir, Chepstow, Gwent.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
495m	Exch 2½% 1990	89⅞ ●	..	2.9	..
846m	Treas 3% 1990	99¼	..	3.6	..
595m	Treas 8% 1990	99⅞	..	8.0	..
591m	Treas 8¼% 1987-90	99½	..	8.3	..
1062m	Treas 10% 1990	99 ●	..	10.0	..
384m	Treas 3% 1991	96	●	3.1	..
330m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	97		5.9	..
1263m	Treas 8¾% 1991	96	..	8.4	..
983m	Treas C10% 1991	98¼		10.2	..
1552m	Exch 11% 1991	98½ ●		11.1	..
2183m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99½		11.8	..
449m	Treas 3% 1992	90		3.3	..
1455m	Treas 8% 1992	94½		8.4	..
1350m	Treas 10% 1992	97⅛		10.3	..
1155m	Treas C10¼% 1992	97⅛ ●		10.7	
1352m	Exch 12¼% 1992	100¼		12.2	
1300m	Treas 12¾% 1992	100½		12.7	
1205m	Exch 13½% 1992	102		13.2	
531m	Fund 6% 1993	88		6.8	..
842m	Treas 8½% 1993	92		8.9	
1780m	Treas 10% 1993	96		10.4	
1115m	Treas 12½% 1993	101¼		12.3	
1120m	Treas 13¼% 1993	105 ●		13.1	..
1643m	Treas 8½% 1994	91		9.3	..
1459m	Treas 9% 1994	91½ ●		9.8	..
1376m	Treas 10% 1994	95¼		10.5	..
1271m	Exch 12½% 1994	102		12.2	
1157m	Exch 13½% 1994	105 ●		12.8	
595m	Treas 14½% 1994	108¼		13.4	
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
170m	Gas 3% 1990-95	79½ ●		3.8	..
2002m	Exch 10¼% 1995	95¾		10.7	
2385m	Treas 12% 1995	101¾		11.8	
580m	Treas 12¾% 1995	104¼ ●		12.2	
977m	Treas 9% 1992-96	90¼		10.6	..
1031m	Conv 10% 1996	93 ●		10.7	..
850m	Exch 13¼% 1996	106¼ ●		12.5	..
833m	Treas 14% 1996	108		12.9	..
1710m	Treas 15¼% 1996	113 ●		13.4	..
2126m	Treas 8¾% 1997	86¼		10.1	..
2938m	Exch 10½% 1997	94		11.1	..
1311m	Treas 13¼% 1997	106¼		12.5	..
548m	Exch 15% 1997	114 ●		13.1	..
772m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	77 ●		8.7	..
2576m	Exch 9¾% 1998	90¼		10.8	..
4857m	Exch 12% 1998	100¼ ●		11.9	..
1106m	Treas 15½% 1998	119¼		13.1	
1110m	Treas 9½% 1999	88		10.7	..
1420m	Conv 10¼% 1999	91¼ ●		11.2	
1167m	Treas 10½% 1999	93¼ ●		11.3	
2951m	Exch 12¼% 1999	102¼		12.0	
1663m	Treas 8½% 2000	82		10.4	
3526m	Conv 9% 2000	85¼		10.5	
1933m	Treas 13% 2000	115¼		[illegible]	
585m	Conv 9¾% 2001	89¼		11.2	
1528m	Treas 10% 2001	90		11.1	
691m	Treas 10% 2001 B	90¼		11.1	
1054m	Treas 14% 1998-01	109¼ ●		12.8	
75m	Exch 9% 2002	81 ●		11.0	
2734m	Treas 9¾% 2002	88		11.0	
543m	Treas 9¾% 2002 A	89		11.0	
528m	Treas 9¾% 2002 B	88¼		11.0	
515m	Conv 10% 2002	87		11.7	
998m	Treas 10% 2003	89¼		11.1	
1436m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	110		12.5	
323m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	50		6.9	
1175m	Conv 9½% 2004	86 ●		11.0	
852m	Treas 10% 2004	89¼ ●		11.1	
1583m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	97¼		11.8	
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
2612m	Conv 9½% 2005	86½		11.0	
21m	Exch 10½% 2005	92¼		11.4	
2333m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	106 ●		11.6	
1382m	Treas 8% 2002-06	75		10.6	
1156m	Treas 8¾% 2007	79		10.6	
3128m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	101		11.6	
1514m	Treas 9% 2008	84		10.7	
1475m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	113¼	-1	11.9	
759m	Treas 8% 2009	75		10.5	
166m	Conv 9% 2011	83¾		10.8	
551m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	55		10.0	..
507m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	72		10.7	..
1080m	Exch 12% 2013-17	106	-1	11.1	
UNDATED					
62m	Consols 2½%	22		11.0	..
107m	Treas 2½%	[illegible]		11.0	..
15m	Treas 3%	[illegible]		11.0	
509m	War Ln 3½%	31		11.0	..
77m	Conv 3½%	5[illegible]		[illegible]	
129m	Consols 2½%	35		11.2	
INDEX-LINKED					
909m	Treas IL 2% 1992	123		2.1	
454m	Treas IL 2% 1994	113 ●		2.1	
1648m	Treas IL 2% 1996	134		2.3	..
1194m	Treas IL2½% 2001	132		3.1	
1030m	Treas IL2% 2003	120 ●		3.0	
1563m	Treas IL 2% 2006	120		2.9	
1138m	Treas IL2½% 2009	119 ●		3.2	
1670m	Treas IL2½% 2011	123		3.4	
409m	Treas IL2½% 2013	102		3.5	
1868m	Treas IL2½% 2016	109		3.5	
1540m	Treas IL2½% 2020	106		3.6	
802m	Treas IL2½% 2024	89		3.6	

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Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
2,830.0m	Abbey National	216	-12	11.6	5.5	11.7
562.2m	Allied Irish	148	+1		..	
—	Anglo Gp		..	7.21	..	
123.4m	Ansbacher (Henry)	66		3.3	5.0	15.0
1,506.2m	Aus New Z	162	-2	..	..	
1,994.1m	Bankamerica	£2¾		..	..	..
485.7m	Bank of Ireland	145	-5		..	..
1,271.9m	Bank Leumi Israel	£19½				
24.3m	Bank Leumi UK	350	..	20.0	5.7	5.9
22[illegible].5m	Bank Of Scotland	103	●	6.9	6.2	7.7
15.6m	Bank Of Wales	49	●	3.7	7.6	22.4
5,555.0m	Barclays (aa)	357	-8	27.4	7.7	15.8
5,501,000	Benchmark	11	-1	1.0	9.1	
37.4m	Brown Shipley	240	-5	16.0	6.7	7.8
4,813,000	Carlisle	21				3.0
79.2m	Cater Allen	330		31.[illegible]	9.9	5.3
39.5m	Cattles	59		4.9	8.3	8.5
10.1m	Chancery	49	-3	12.0	24.5	2.0
897.6m	Chase Manhattan	£[illegible]		.	.	..
2,272.6m	Citicorp	£[illegible]				
30.0m	Close Bros	243	●-2	10.7	4.4	12.5
1,460.3m	Commerzbank	£80	+1¼		..	
6,166.9m	Deutsche Bank	£212	+7			
103.9m	First Nat Fin	163	-5	17.3	9.2	5.8
71.1m	GPG	92		3.2e	1.4	
101.7m	Gerrard Nat	277	-29	29.3	10.6	13.4
60.0m	Guinness Mahon	54	-5	7.9	3.0	30.3
359.2m	Hambros	212	-13	15.3	7.2	6.8
2,026.0m	HK Shanghai	31½	..	..	..	..
19.0m	Joseph (Leopold)	378	..	21.1	5.6	16.7
18.3m	King & Shaxson	116	-2	13.7	11.8	10.1
347.0m	Kleinwort Benson	281	●-13	21.3	7.8	7.1
3,422.0m	Lloyds (aa)	276	-5	16.1	8.6	.
26.8m	Lon Scot Bk	47	.	3.4	7.2	9.8
1,519.8m	Midland (aa)	194	+2	24.0	12.4	..
2,318.0m	Nat Aust Bk	241	+3			
4,116.0m	Nat West (aa)	255	+3	23.3	9.1	14.1
199.0m	Provident	393	●-9	28.7	7.3	9.5
11.7m	Rea Bros	30	-3	0.7	2.3	14.4
1,156.8m	Ryl Bk Scot (aa)	153	+4	16.1	6.6	8.6
325.4m	Schroders	648	●+16	22.2	3.4	8.8
913.1m	Stand Chart (aa)	262	-11	46.7	17.8	
2,074.0m	TSB (aa)	138	+3	8.1	5.9	20.8
101.0m	Union Disc	537	-1	44.8	8.2	29.6
631.3m	Warburg SG	324	-11	30.0	9.2	5.7
64.1m	Do 6% 'A'	109	-4	8.0	7.3	..
1,199.9m	Wells Fargo	£23½	●+1	..	..	..
1,791.0m	Westpac	154	-2	..	..	
27.4m	Wintrust	325	-3	11.8	3.8	8.8

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,735.4m	Allied-Lyons (aa)	478	+15	22.6	4.7	16.0
3,692.0m	Bass (aa)	£10¼	..	40.3	3.9	11.4
131.6m	Boddington	133	●-2	7.2	5.4	14.6
104.5m	Bulmer (H P)	201	+2	10.2	5.1	15.1
29.5m	Burtonwood Brew	142	-1	5.3	3.7	13.2
30.4m	Clark (Matthew)	337	-6	18.0	5.3	6.5
80.5m	Devenish (JA)	120	-4	6.3	6.3	8.5
1,656.0m	Elders IXL	54	+3		..	
5,791.7m	Grand Met (aa)	584	+24	24.8	4.2	12.4
397.5m	Greenall Wht	336	+4	12.5	3.7	11.8
146.8m	Greene King	346	-2	13.1	3.8	12.3
6,370.8m	Guinness (aa)	708	●-12	21.7	3.1	14.9
35.8m	Hardys & Hansons	695	.	39.9	4.5	12.9
279.2m	Highland Dist	225	+18	8.4	2.8	17.0
66.0m	Mansfield	425	.	15.1	3.8	11.1
153.8m	Marston Thompson	175		5.4	3.7	14.2
44.5m	Morland	263	-7	7.4	2.6	6.3
1,241.3m	SA Breweries	463	-5			
1,381.4m	Scot & New (aa)	349	+3	17.3	5.8	12.5
305.4m	Vaux Grp	225	+10	11.0	4.9	12.1
1,932.8m	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	452	+11	18.7	4.4	12.6
224.0m	Do 'B'	£13½	+¼	19.7	1.5	37.7
263.1m	Wolvrhmptn & D	398	-2	11.8	3.0	13.1
12.3m	Young 'A'	425	-6	15.3	3.8	11.6

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
28.2m	Abbey	73	+8	..	..	
282.2m	Amec	199	+4	13.0	9.5	5.8
10.0m	Anglia Sec	34	-2			
4,900,000	Arncliffe	99	..	8.0	9.2	2.5
357.0m	Arnwoods	401	-35	12.7	3.2	16.5
764.7m	BPB Ind (aa)	186	.	19.6	8.1	1.9
33.5m	Baggeridge Brick	85	-2	4.2	4.9	5.3
4,180,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	40	-1	2.5	6.3	3.5
94.3m	Bardon Group	119	+1	5.1	4.3	12.6
182.1m	Barratt Devs	101	●-1	12.6	11.9	9.4
253.1m	Beazer PLC (aa)	80	●+6	10.3	11.4	4.0
45.1m	Bellway	176	+1	14.7	8.4	4.8
3,946,000	Bellwinch	12	-2	..		
93.6m	Berkeley Gp	225	-1	8.8	2.7	7.5

OVERSEAS TRADERS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
109.2m	Antofagasta	365	●-35	17.6	4.7	5.1
22.3m	Boustead	34	-2	2.1	6.2	7.0
14.9m	Challenger	71		6.6	9.6	8.3
80.1m	Finlay (James)	62	-3	5.5	8.9	6.9
987.9m	Inchcape (aa)	233	+12	15.1	6.6	10.4
1,202.8m	Lonrho (aa)	203	-2	20.0	9.8	11.2
73.3m	Paterson Zoch	300	..	12.6	4.2	5.8
67.3m	Do 'A'	292		11.8	4.0	14.5
1,059.0m	Sime Darby	65	+1			
350.2m	Tozer Kemsley	150	+1	6.7	4.5	10.9

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
16.5m	API	88	..	9.0	10.2	12.9
27.0m	Abbott Mead	195	● ..	16.0	5.1	7.6
52.5m	Acsis Group	40	..	1.5	3.6	1.4
10.0m	Adscan Cons	15		..		
136.7m	Aegis Gp	182	+1	7.6	3.8	16.6
18.1m	BNB Res	86	-2	5.8	8.5	1.4
20.8m	Bemrose	127	●+2	15.1	11.8	8.2
1,750,000	Brunning	31		..		
269.4m	Bunzl (aa)	88	●+1	7.9	12.0	8.2
10.2m	CIA Gp	88	+2	1.3	1.5	9.6
8,532,000	Cropper (James)	105		3.8	3.4	6.8
4,747,000	Delyn Packaging	50	..	1.9	3.4	11.3
39.3m	Ferguson Ind	184		16.7	9.1	7.6
2,895,000	Fitch-RS	43	●+3	5.5	12.8	1.3
3,480,000	Geers Gross	23	-1	2.7	11.7	5.8
10.0m	Gold Greenlees	61	●-4	11.1	18.2	2.0
8,088,000	Goodhead	58	● ..	7.3	12.6	2.3
3,518,000	Hunterprint	18	+2	..		
2,589,000	Kerson	3	-3			17.5
17.2m	Lopex	73	● ..	9.2	12.6	3.3
108.2m	Lowe Group	421	●+2	18.7	4.4	9.7
49.6m	More O'Ferrall	194	● ..	17.6	9.1	5.2
6,478,000	Olives Hldgs	80	●+7	12.0	14.1	4.0
12.3m	Quarto	91	-3	6.5	7.1	5.2
177.8m	St Ives Gp	182	+7	6.7	3.7	9.2
59.9m	Saatchi 10p (aa)	37	+6	12.0	32.4	
92.4m	Shandwick	112	+3	3.7	3.3	1.9
184.5m	Smith David	283	-5	12.3	4.7	9.2
1,059.8m	Smurfit (Jeff)	518	+20	..		
8,276,000	Usher Walker	285	..	14.7	6.0	9.6
3,340,000	VPI Gp	7½		67e	9.3	6.8
177.9m	WPP	419	+43	35.5	8.5	5.1
130.4m	Wace	152	r-2	10.7	5.8	7.9
88.6m	Waddington (J)	126		10.5	8.3	9.9
80.1m	Watmough	340	●+10	13.7	4.4	10.5
6,508,000	Waverley Cam	14		1.3	9.3	60.4
789.3m	Wiggins Teape Apltn	156	●-3	11.1	7.1	-

PROPERTY

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
68.4m	Allied Lon	95	+3	4.4	4.6	9.2
—	Arcadian	120		..		
41.0m	Asda	73	●-2	2.3	3.2	14.4
17.2m	BSH Group	47	●+2	2.7	5.7	12.3

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Far East lends an ear to western music

Mark Wigglesworth kept the rehearsal of *Prélude à l'après-midi d'une faune* going, but called out over the string sound: "Less of the Alfred Hitchcock – we don't want Debussy to sound like *The Birds*."

The instruction from this young up-and-coming English conductor would have drawn a smile, and a musical adjustment, from most western orchestral players, but in the heart of Kuala Lumpur it was too obscure an allusion, at least for half of the members of the World Youth Music Camp. Evidently, Sir Alfred is not a favourite with the classical musicians of Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia or Fiji. Yet the other half – students from the UK, the United States, Australia, The Netherlands and Germany – got the joke.

This was one example of the problems facing the first World Youth Music Camp, an ambitious project undertaken by Malaysia as part of its promotion "Visit Malaysia 1990", held last month. Nearly 100 musicians, aged between 12 and 28, were invited to Malaysia's capital to play for two weeks. The stated purpose was to highlight classical music in Southeast Asia. Mr Wigglesworth drew the best from what was, at times, a difficult but invigorating experience, for however often music is described as an international language, cultural differences were not the only problems.

One of the most important was the varying playing standards, both among the western participants and those from Asia. They varied from students who had just left the Royal Academy of Music, or the Royal Conservatory of Music in The Hague, to an enthusiastic 12-year-old viola player from Borneo.

With many hours of rehearsal, daily tutorials for separate sections of the orchestra, private lessons and the stimulus of chamber music, the standard crept up. "I knew I had to make sure I didn't bore the good players or demoralise the weaker players," Mr Wigglesworth says. "My aim was to reach the level of a good county youth orchestra."

But there was much more behind the event than a simple two-week youth music camp with a grand name. Malaysia, like many of its neighbouring countries, is trying to establish a music educational structure incorporating a strong element of western classical music to match its growing economic status in the region.

"Music, especially western classical music, has not been a real priority for us," says Abdul Fatah Karim, the director of music at the ministry of culture and tourism. "But now, as we have become more prosperous, we want to feel less isolated internationally."

The musical educational superstructure in Malaysia is uneven. There are about 30,000 candidates a year for music grade exams offered by the Associated Board, Trinity College and Guildhall School of Music and Drama, but they are mainly keyboard players. Fewer than 1,000 exams involve orchestra instruments.

The country's only symphony orchestra is made up of a group of students taught by a leading private teacher in Penang. Malaysian schools offer music education at primary level for percussion instruments, recorders, and a mixture of Malaysian music and western music, but no lessons at secondary school. There is a considerable amount of private teaching, but its availability is tied to its high costs. The majority of the country's inhabitants are Malays, but the dominant economic force is the Chinese who are the most keen to see their children receive a music education. The third section of the population, the Indians, represent a very small percentage of those receiving music education.

> 'I knew I had to make sure I didn't bore the good players or demoralise the weaker players'

There is no music college or music academy. In this sense, Malaysia is trailing well behind its neighbours. Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines have symphony orchestras and either public or private facilities for further music education.

The final concert given by the players of the first World Youth Music Camp, transformed for the evening into the World Youth Symphony Orchestra, was heard by as many dignitaries and government ministers as could be persuaded to attend.

Mr Karim says: "We hope it will start the ball rolling so that we can get our symphony orchestra going, and that the government will make an undertaking to open a music college of some kind."

NICOLAS SOAMES

Personal university challenge

College life can be tough for students with handicaps. But some are finding a welcome on the mat, Liz Gill reports

IAN CRAWFORD

Home from home: Andre Cockburn studies for his PhD at Nottingham University; "perhaps it was the beer that made me feel at home".

Andre Cockburn, an outstanding maths pupil, was faced with a decision on his university options. With three excellent A-levels by the age of 15 he seemed an obvious candidate for Oxbridge. A visit to Oxford convinced him that his path lay literally elsewhere.

"All those old, narrow corridors and winding staircases might be charming," he says, "but for me they're hopeless." Mr Cockburn has cerebral palsy, the result of oxygen deprivation at birth. It means he cannot walk without crutches, cannot write, and speaks slowly and often indistinctly. This summer he took a first in pure mathematics at Nottingham University and now, a few weeks after his twentieth birthday, he is beginning research for his PhD in quantum probability.

The National Bureau for Students with Disabilities (Skill) estimates that between 500 and 600 disabled students went up to British universities last year. Numbers have been increasing in the past few years, due both to higher expectations among disabled people and greater awareness of their needs generally, and they are expected to rise even further with the introduction of a new system of grants.

The old disability allowance of £765 a year has been increased to £1,000, and any handicapped student who is eligible for the ordinary local education authority student grant may now also be able to claim £4,000 a year for non-medical assistance, such as note taking or interpreting, plus a one-off payment of £3,000 for special equipment.

"This really is a great leap forward," says Michelle Thew, the assistant director of Skill. "Students often have very complex needs and this gives them a much wider choice."

Many universities have made significant progress in catering for these needs. Reading, Sussex and Southampton universities, for example, have specially adapted accommodation; Durham has support services for deaf students; Loughborough for blind ones; Leeds offers a Braille service, and Lancaster employs a co-ordinator to aid its disabled students.

For Mr Cockburn, Nottingham's attractions included the fact that everything was on one campus, there were enough ramps and lifts and it provided a minibus with a tail lift to transport handicapped students to lectures and to outside social events. "In theory, there is room for three wheelchairs and another seat, but one night, when we were going to a nightclub, we crammed in a dozen friends as well," he says.

Nottingham also operates a system of Community Service Volunteers, young people who live in the residences and help disabled students. "Once in a while it's OK to ask another student to get you something, but you can't be asking every time you need a cup of coffee," Mr Cockburn says.

Last year his volunteer was Alison Danbury, who has now gone to Bradford to study social work. Her tasks included shopping, going to the library, form filling, tidying up and driving the minibus. "It was brilliant," she says. "I got a taste of university life without having to do the work. It did wonders for my patience too. You learn a lot. I think it's seeing the amount of effort someone like Andre has to put into doing something you do yourself without thinking."

Mary Foley, Nottingham's senior assistant registrar and co-ordinator for the 20 or so disabled students on campus, believes universities gain from their presence. "It must be a good thing for other students, particularly those going on to be doctors or social workers, to meet the disabled as equals, rather than as patients or clients. It also puts one's own problems into perspective."

Mr Cockburn says he rarely experienced any of the awkwardness or embarrassment people often show towards the handicapped. "I get that outside a lot, but hardly ever at university. I was worried before I came, but from the moment I arrived it seemed all right. I went for a talk with the staff and then I went to the bar with the other first years. Perhaps it was the beer that made me feel at home."

Nottingham was also prepared to go to some lengths to meet his needs: free photocopying of another student's lecture notes, installing a terminal in his room linked to the university's main computer and, because of the slow rate at which he types, allowing him extra time for exams.

Each university makes its own policy on accommodating the disabled, but Dr Ted Nield of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals Information Unit, says: "We try to ensure that the disabled student can follow the course of his or her choice somewhere. Most are making an effort, but it's not possible to modify every building, not just because of the cost, but because some of them are listed."

Offset against problems of access must be the advances in technology which can help disabled students. Ms Thew cites, as prime examples, word processors, audio and video equipment and computers with voice synthesizers which can "read" to students. She cannot envisage any physical handicap that could not be accommodated by the right combination of personal assistance and technology.

Her advice to those contemplating university entrance is to organise the support structures well in advance. "Go and see the place. You might be able to get your wheelchair into the library, but can you get it into the refectory as well?"

Ultimately, much depends on the individual's personality. Although Mr Cockburn was too severely handicapped to go to a normal school, his family were always determined he should enjoy as full a life as possible – from joining the Cubs to going on a sailing holiday with them. "If you have the chance of university, go for it," Mr Cockburn says. "Have a good time. Don't let your disability get in the way."

A visit by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors can be a daunting and enlightening experience. **David Tytler** listened in

When the school inspector calls

The leading player in this story insists on remaining unnamed and unphotographed. He is one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, an HMI, who believes in collective responsibility and not the cult of the personality. He and his 484 colleagues can, however, critically affect schools with their reports on how they are functioning.

For many parents, the reports are the only impartial view of their child's school, warts and all, but they rarely see them, or even hear about them unless they are unusally glowing. Schools are often not anxious to make them easily available, but copies will be provided on request and are always sent to the local library.

Earlier this month *The Times* accompanied one senior inspector on his follow-up visit to Queen Mary's Grammar School at Walsall, near Birmingham, where he had led a team of five inspectors in April last year on a four-day inspection. Queen Mary's is a voluntary aided grammar school of 655 boys—plus eight girls in the sixth form — run by an educational foundation which also controls a girls' grammar school and a fee-paying preparatory school.

Keith Howard, the Cambridge-educated headmaster, admitted to feeling "trepidation" when he was given four weeks' notice that his school had been chosen at random for inspection. The school, however, emerged with flying colours.

"Queen Mary's", said the inspectors' report, "is a strong institution which works hard and effectively to achieve its aims . . . Its public examination results reach a very high standard and the broad range of extra-curricular activities helps to bring success in the social development of its pupils."

Even in a school of this quality, however, the inspectors can find fault: "The pupils in the intake year are bright, enthusiastic and quick witted. It may be a reflection of the system as much as the school that those in the sixth form are able and successful but show rather less enthusiasm and less flair than might be expected. There is little original academic work undertaken by pupils apart from that intended for examination."

Fiercely proud of his school, Mr Howard welcomed the report, but could not let this last point lie. "It is a question of judgment and balance between discipline and freedom. If you give the boys too much licence the whole thing falls apart. They come here for the most part because they want to go on to university, and to get the places they want they have to pass examinations. We have to see that they can do it while helping them to develop as individuals."

CHRIS THOMOND

Blind man's buff: sixth-form pupils, taking A-level general studies, put a lesson in trust to the test by taking blindfolded fellow classmates around the school and guiding them only by word of mouth

The inspectors also want high standards and good examination results, which is certainly what they get at Queen Mary's, but they questioned some of the methods. Nearly all the boys go into the sixth form, and at A-levels this year 104 boys received A grades, 88 B and 59 C, with 100 gaining D and E grades, giving an overall pass rate of 91.4 per cent.

On meeting the senior inspector since the report's publication, Mr Howard challenged him to explain the phrase "a reflection of the system". "Whose system, ours or the university entrance system?" he asked. "Well it could mean the system generally," said the inspector. "Which is it?" asked the head; "it is ambiguous." In true HMI style the inspector smiled: "Let's leave it that way."

Mr Howard, who lives in a house attached to the school, sets great store by the huge number of out-of-school activities which are a break from day-to-day school, and regrets that the inspectors were not able to see more of them. The inspector understood the argument, but said: "Our brief is to report what we see. If we don't see it we can't report it."

He made allowances, however, for the assembly on the morning of his revisit, when he thought the master leading it should have involved the boys more. "I know", he said, "from what I have seen before that the boys do take part in assemblies. This one did show that the senior boys have a good grasp of organisation. All the boys had a good understanding of the quite sophisticated style of the master running the assembly, but even so I would have liked to see a greater involvement of the boys."

> 'The inspectors made us look at ourselves critically and analytically'

The school is highly disciplined, with sixth formers playing a leading role in running the school. Every morning, Matthew Holden, the captain of school, and two senior prefects report to the head and his two deputies on the state of the school during the previons day. On this morning they reported that all doors were closed, lights off; there was some damage in the lavatories and confusion over the number of boys taking packed lunch; one junior boy had been less than co-operative; the head said he would talk to him later in the day.

All this high discipline, with some "irksome" rules, was too much for the inspectors, who reported: "They are generally directed to worthy ends, but there is a risk that rules for control may unduly restrict the development of self-discipline and diminish self-motivation. In view of the pupils' demeanour the school might consider some relaxation of control, especially for the older pupils."

The captain of school and his senior prefects did not agree. "I don't think we would want any more freedom than we have, as there would be some who would definitely take advantage," Matthew said. Tim Hannam, one of two vice-captains, agreed; and he accepted, as they all did, the need for school uniform, even for the sixth form: "It is a good idea because there would be a lot of competition as to how people dressed and it would be unfair on the low income families."

The inspector was unmoved, and left the school still believing discipline could be relaxed. A former secondary head himself, he and his team had done their homework on the school before arriving for the original inspection, one of 113 that took place in 1988/89. Individual inspectors then sat in on about 140 lessons at Queen Mary's, reporting that 5 per cent were excellent, 35 per cent good, with 90 per cent being satisfactory or better.

"In most of the 10 per cent of lessons rated less than satisfactory," said the inspectors, "the work was insufficiently demanding or the teaching and learning relied too heavily on a lecturing style which removed much of the thinking from the pupils."

One test is to gauge the amount of interest shown by pupils. If the teacher asks a question and only one hand goes up, something is wrong. In a French lesson, which the inspector thought could have been improved with displays on the walls or some other visual aids, all the hands went up for every question.

In a GCSE geography lesson, in which pupils had to judge the best way to sell a new town to new industry, most of the teacher's work had been done before the lesson. His classroom role was to explain the task and be on hand to assist. The inspector approved. Lessons which go into minute detail rather than explaining simple concepts get few points.

When an inspector is unduly concerned about a particular lesson he talks to the teacher immediately, asking whether he had considered any changes to his teaching style. "It is often just a matter of fine tuning," the inspector said.

At the end of the inspection a verbal report is given to the headmaster, which is then followed with a briefing for senior staff and governors before the final report is published. "It seemed to me," Mr Howard said, "that the views hardened from meeting to meeting, and then in the report itself."

He had few real complaints: "The inspectors made us look at ourselves and our teaching styles critically and analytically. The process had started anyway, but it did give us a focus."

NOTICEBOARD

A show of annoyance

THE usually unflappable Philip Halsey, one of the government's senior education advisors, made his annoyance with education department officials clear at the press conference called to announce the compulsory tests for seven-year-olds.

The new arrangements were to be announced by Mr Halsey, chairman and chief executive of the Schools' Examination and Assessment Council (Seac), but John MacGregor decided he should oversee the launch, leaving Mr Halsey to explain details of the tests afterwards, with the aid of examples on an overhead projector. But the exchanges in the House of Commons delayed the launch conference, squeezing Mr Halsey into a few minutes. The test examples remained in his briefcase, as the education department failed to provide him with a projector, and he refused to part with the slides for photocopying and distribution.

Hi-tech students

STUDENTS will need access to a personal computer to win a place on the London Business School's MBA courses. It will be the first time in Britain that full-time courses have carried such a requirement. Although a common condition of entry at American business schools, personal computers have previously been compulsory only for part-time MBA students at Cranfield School of Management in Bedfordshire. The LBS has decided on a universal requirement because it regards computer competence as an essential element in management training.

In the know?

MICHAEL Thompson, vice-chancellor of Birmingham University, seems to have been credited with psychic powers by the university's official journal, *The Bulletin*. A headline probably not cleared with the English department declared last week: "Vice-chancellor reviews the year ahead". His message turned out to be disappointingly pragmatic and apparently devoid of prior knowledge of events.

At University College, London, however, *UCL News* sails much closer to the wind. A note appended to an article by Professor Geoffrey Alderman taking issue with views expressed in a previous issue by Derek Roberts, the college provost, read: "The editor showed this letter to the provost and he replied: 'I do not propose to waste my time with Alderman. Nor do I think that he should have any right of publication in *UCL News*.' "

Undercover stuff

THE alternative guide to life at Warwick University has upset the headmaster of the Prince of Wales's old school, Gordonstoun. Mark Pyper, head of the school in Moray, Scotland, returned his school's copies of the 44-page guide to the underside of student life, on the grounds that it was "distasteful". It includes a chapter headed "Sex, Sex, Sex", offering a "glimpse at the stained sheets of Warwick, gays and heterosexuals alike". Jane Bardsley, the student union general secretary, said: "Warwick students are a clean-living bunch."

Liddell memorial

EDINBURGH University has started a fund to erect a memorial in China to Eric Liddell, one of its more famous alumni since his life was chronicled in the film *Chariots of Fire*. A stone carved from Mull granite has been commissioned after discussions with the Liddell family, and should be in position near the spot where he died by next spring. The university already has an Eric Liddell centre in its physical education department, funded from the proceeds of a Scottish premiere of the film. It expects the cost of the memorial to be around £3,000.

Don't all rush

IN AN attempt to encourage more members of the public to listen to its committee and council meetings, the south London borough of Southwark is offering to pay expenses to anyone who has to hire a baby sitter or pay for help with an elderly relative in order to attend the meetings. It is a policy that is costing the council practically nothing at all.

Slip of the plume

LAST week's visit to France by Jack Straw, the shadow education secretary, provoked an outbreak of *franglais* from the French embassy. Monsieur Straw, as the official programme for the visit described him, had a private diner on Tuesday 16 Octobre before returning to London the next day at 20h30. The education department has no plans to follow his example in recording the visit of Alan Howarth, the higher education minister, to Hungary.

JOHN O'LEARY

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Attempt to pervert course of justice

Regina v Williams

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Drake

[Judgment October 11]

Although the offence which the appellant was alleged to have comitted had for centuries been described as an attempt to pervert the course of justice, there was authority for the submission that the charge laid against him, contrary to section 1(1) of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981, was not known to the law as it was not an inchoate offence but a substantive common-law offence.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment applying the proviso to section 2(1) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 and dismissing the appeal of Kevin John Williams against his conviction on March 23, 1990, at Middlesex Guildhall Crown Court (Judge Callman and a jury), of attempting to pervert the course of justice, contrary to section 1(1) of the 1981 Act, on which he had been sentenced to three months imprisonment and in allowing an appeal against sentence, which was reduced to 21 days.

Mr R. Alun Jones, QC and Mr John Harwood-Stevenson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Michael Worsley, QC and Mr Nigel Sweeney, neither of whom appeared below, for the Crown.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the facts which had given rise to the problems were originally no more than a trivial incident.

Two brothers, Dean Clarke and his brother Ryan, had been out celebrating Ryan's twenty-first birthday and were both no doubt somewhat the worse for drink. As they walked along the road a police car driven by the appellant, a police constable, passed them and stopped.

Ryan flicked a cigarette end at it and, it seemed, hit the car. The appellant arrested him for being drunk and disorderly.

Dean had crossed the road before that incident. He was later arrested in or immediately outside the police station for being drunk and disorderly.

The appellant then purported to record the incident in his incident report book. The prosecution case was that he knowingly and falsely set out the circumstances, the actions of Dean, the place where the various incidents had taken place and where Dean had been arrested.

He repeated those details in a form transmitted to the Crown Prosecution Service. Indeed, the allegation on the form was that the two men "were shouting and throwing stones at passing cars".

It seemed to have become common ground at the trial that Dean was not arrested outside the public house as stated in the incident report book, which meant that many of the other assertions in that book were false and/or misleading.

The offence which the appellant was alleged to have committed had for centuries been described as an attempt to pervert the course of justice and the prosecution therefore took the view that the 1981 Act applied, the offence of attempt at common law having been abolished by that Act, and indicted him accordingly.

The appellant argued that the offence was not truly an inchoate offence at all and that the mere endeavour to pervert the course of justice was of itself a substantive offence.

It might be tempting to conclude upon the facts that two possible courses were open to the prosecution. First, to charge a substantive common-law offence, namely dishonest conduct intended to pervert the course of justice. Second, to charge a true attempt, the eventual crime being the actual perversion of the course of justice and the attempt being the attempt to achieve that end, no prosecution in fact having taken place.

Their Lordships thought that the court was precluded from endorsing the second possibility for two reasons.

In *Rowell* (1977) 65 Cr App R 174) Lord Justice Ormrod said: "The remaining grounds of appeal, namely duplicity in the indictment and the lack of sufficiently proximate acts to constitute an attempt, are both based, in our opinion, on the same false premise, which arises from the description of the offence as 'attempting to pervert the course of public justice'. The use of the word 'anempt' in this context is misleading.

"The appellant was not charged with an attempt to commit a substantive offence but with the substantive offence itself which is more accurately, if less compendiously, described in Pollock B's words in *Vreones* ([1891] 1 QB 360 (Crown Cases Reserved)) namely, 'the doing of an act [or, we would add, a series of acts] which has a tendency and is intended to pervert the course of justice'."

The second reason was that confining the charge to the substantive common-law offence had the great advantage of simplicity.

Assuming therefore that this was not truly an inchoate crime, not truly an attempt, and that therefore it was wrong to lay the charge under section 1 of the Criminal Attempts Act 1981, and that the judge's refusal so to rule was mistaken, was that mistake fatal to the conviction?

Their Lordships thought that was not necessarily so. In *Molyneaux* ((1981) 72 Cr App R 111) a similar problem arose.

The indictment in that case was defective in that the statement of offence misdescribed a statutory conspiracy as a common-law conspiracy although the essential ingredients of the offence remained properly particularised.

It was held that in those circumstances the indictment was not a nullity, although it was defective.

It was further held, in relation to the proviso to section 2(1) of the 1968 Act, since interpreting the phrase "conspiracy to defraud" was, if anything, to narrow the concept of the offence and the ambit of possible conviction, the only possible outcome could be to favour the defence; thus no miscarriage of justice had occurred and the court would apply the proviso and dismiss the appeal.

So far as that aspect of the instant case was concerned the indictment was not, by reason of the wrongful reliance on the 1981 Act, a nullity. The mistake of law was such that no miscarriage of justice was caused thereby and it was open to the court in its discretion to apply the proviso.

His Lordship considered other grounds of appeal and said that the ground upon which it was perhaps fair to say that counsel for the appellant placed most reliance was the equivocal attitude of the prosecution to the appeal, and whether that attitude should impel the court to decline to apply the proviso.

On April 5, 1990 the Crown Prosecution Service had written to the appellant's solicitors to say that after having the benefit of counsel's advice the Director of Public Prosecutions had decided not to contest the appeal. Following that the appellant was granted bail after spending 21 days in custody.

Later, the matter was considered by different counsel who took the view that the court would in all likelihood apply the proviso to section 2(1) of the 1968 Act and would not allow the prosecution to concede the appeal, since matters of law were for the decision of the court and not for counsel.

Their Lordships did not consider it necessary to decide whether it would ever be proper to exercise such a discretion upon the basis that the prosecution had been guilty of an inappropriate and erroneous concession. It was enough to say that they did not consider it necessary or appropriate to take that course in the present case.

They thought that substantial justice could be done by an adjustment in the sentence to ensure that the appellant did not have to return to prison.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, HQ.

Whether decision is in criminal cause

Ex parte Pamment

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment October 11]

Where on an application for judicial review, the Divisional Court determined a question raised in respect of criminal proceedings after such proceedings had been concluded, the court's decision was nevertheless made in a criminal cause or matter and accordingly the Court of Appeal, pursuant to section 18(1)(a) of the Supreme Court Act 1981, could entertain no appeal against it.

Where an application for judicial review in a criminal cause or matter, coupled with an ancillary claim for damages, was made primarily with the damages claim in view, the court should, in its discretion, decline to deal with the application and allow the damages claim to proceed as if begun by writ.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing for want of jurisdiction an appeal by the Blandford Justices from the decision of the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Macpherson) to quash the justices' decision to remand the applicant, John Pamment, in custody pending his trial on charges under the Public Order Act 1986 and in respect of breach of the peace. The Divisional Court had adjourned the applicant's claim for damages.

Mr Guy Sankey for the justices; Mr Adrian Fulford for the applicant; Mr Paul Garlick as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that the applicant was one of a number of persons opposed to fox hunting who was said to have disrupted a hunt in September 1987. He had been arrested and charged with offences under the 1986 Act and with behaving in a manner likely to cause a breach of the peace.

On November 26 on an appearance before the justices the applicant was not prepared in certain circumstances to abide by a condition which the justices imposed on his proposed bail, namely that he should not attend any meet or disrupt any activity of any hunt prior to his trial fixed for February 1, 1988.

The justices, taking him to be refusing to accept the condition, remanded him in custody. The follnwing day he accepted the condition and was released on bail.

In January 1988 he applied for judicial review of the justices' decision remanding him in custody. At his trial in February 1988 he admitted that his behaviour had been likely to cause a breach of the peace. He was bound over in the sum of £200 for two years and the Crown offered no evidence against him on the charge under the 1986 Act.

What constituted a criminal cause or matter had in the past vexed the courts on a number of occasions. In *Amand v Home Secretary and Minister of Defence of Royal Netherlands Government* ([1943] AC 147) it was held that to decide the issue one must look at the underlying proceedings in which the order under appeal was made.

Mr Sankey had conceded that the underlying proceedings to which the justices' order related were criminal. The grant or refusal on bail to a defendant in criminal proceedings was an integral part of the criminal process.

However, Mr Sankey took a novel point. While conceding that the Divisional Court had determined a question raised with regard to a criminal proceeding, he submitted that the judgment of the court was not in a criminal cause or matter.

It was not a step in the underlying proceedings because, by the time the justices' decision came to be reviewed, whatever the court said could not affect the course of the criminal proceedings or the enforcement of any order in those proceedings. By that time, the applicant had been released on bail and the criminal proceedings had been concluded.

In the earlier cases, as Mr Sankey pointed out, the decision of the Divisional Court had had an effective impact on criminal proceedings which were either still in being, or still in contemplation. He relied on part of the judgment of Lord Esher, Master of the Rolls, in *Ex parte Alice Woodhall* ((1888) 20 QB 832, 836) where he said:

"I think [the provision then in force excluding the Court of Appeal's jurisdiction] applies to a decision by way of judicial determination of any question raised in or with regard to proceedings the subject matter of which is criminal at whatever stage of the proceedings the question arises."

Mr Sankey submitted that that last phrase showed that the proceedings had still to be in being when the question arose for decision by the Divisional Court.

In his Lordship's view that was by no means clear from the context, and in any event that single phrase was a somewhat slender thread on which to hang Mr Sankey's argument.

The application for judicial review was an application to the Divisional Court to review a decision of an inferior court in criminal proceedings then in progress and was clearly an application in a criminal cause or matter.

Mr Sankey had sought to rationalise his approach by saying that once the criminal proceedings were concluded, the decision of the Divisional Court could not affect their course and was not, therefore, in the cause or matter "at whatever stage of the proceedings".

However, once the applicant had been granted bail, any review of the challenged decision by the Divisional Court would not have affected the course of the criminal proceedings even if that decision had been made at some later "stage of the proceedings" and before they were concluded.

If the Divisional Court's decision was not in a criminal cause or matter, in what type of proceeding was it made? It could not have been a decision *in vacuo*, and his Lordship saw no basis in principle or authority for attributing such a chameleon character to a cause or matter as to make it change from criminal to civil simply because the proceedings were concluded or because the review of the decision in such cause or matter might have been too late to affect the outcome of the proceedings.

In his Lordship's opinion, the judgment of the Divisional Court was made in a criminal cause or matter.

The practical reason for applying for judicial review was to seek damages. In such a situation where it was clear that the sole main purpose was to prime the pump for that claim, the best course was for the court to decline, as a matter of discretion, to deal with the application for judicial review and to allow the damages claim to proceed as if begun by writ.

That way the claim in tort for damages could be determined without any pre-judgment as to the *vires* of the challenged order and the parties would in due course have a clear route on the civil side to the Court of Appeal.

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS, also agreeing, said that he would go a little further, in that in his judgment Lord Esher's phrase "at whatever stage of the proceeding the question arise" was apt to include the stage at which proceedings were in contemplation, the stage during which they were being prosecuted and the stage which followed the giving of judgment by the court, a stage at which it could be said that the court was *functus officio*. So construed, Lord Esher's judgment, far from supporting Mr Sankey's argument, destroyed it.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Maurice Putsman & Co, Birmingham; Treasury Solicitor.

Putative father not a 'parent' in adoption

In re L (an Minor) (Adoption)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Reasons October 11]

Where the mother of an illegitimate child placed the child for adoption and did not wish the putative father, who was unaware of the child's existence, to be informed of the adoption, the court had no jurisdiction to require the local authority to amend the application form completed by the proposed adopters so as to show the name and address of the putative father; neither should the court direct the local authority to interview the putative father about his feelings in relation to the adoption.

The Court of Appeal so stated giving its reasons for allowing on August 24 the appeal of the local authority, Mid-Glamorgan County Council, from the decision of Judge Hywel ap Robert sitting in Pontypridd County Court on June 6.

The mother placed the child, J, for adoption six days after her birth. According to the mother J was the child of the man with whom she had lived from 1986 to 1988 and who was the father of her other two children.

The father accepted that he was the father of the mother's first two children but he did not know of the existence of J who was conceived after they had ceased to live together. The mother was anxious that the father should not know of J's existence which would happen if he were informed of the adoption.

The judge ordered that Form A6, the originating application for an adoption order completed by the prospective adoptive parents, be amended so as to show the particulars of the man said to be the father of J, and directed that the father be discreetly interviewed by the authority's social worker to ascertain his wishes and feelings in relation to the adoption.

Mr Mark Evans for the local authority; Mr Roderic Wood as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, delivering the reasons of the court, said that adoption was now governed by the Adoption Act 1976, section 6 of which provided that in reaching any decision relating to the adoption first consideration must be given to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of the child throughout his childhood.

Section 16 of the 1976 Act provided that the adoption order should not be made, *inter alia*, unless each parent or guardian agreed to the making of the order or his/her agreement should be dispensed with on a ground specified in section 16(2).

The father of an illegitimate child was not a "parent" within the meaning of the word as used in section 16 or elsewhere in the Act: see *In re M (an Infant)* ([1955] 2 QB 479), but he might be a "guardian" if he had a parental rights order under section 4 of the Family Law Reform Act 1987 or had a custody order under some other Act.

Paragraph 9 of Form 6 headed "parentage" stated: "The child is the child of . . . whose last known address was . . . (or deceased) and . . . whose last known address was . . . (or deceased)."

The note to paragraph 9 included the statement: "If the child is illegitimate, and the putative father has legal custody of the child by virtue of a court order, give details of that order under paragraph 19."

The intention of the note was clear. The father of an illegitimate child had to be named only when his consent to the adoption was necessary.

In the court's judgment the judge had no power to require the authority to amend paragraph 9 of Form 6. It was not the authority's form but that of the proposed adopters who, as the judge accepted, did not know the identity of J's father. That part of the judge's order requiring the amendment of Form 6 was made without jurisdiction and should be set aside.

The other issue concerned the judge's direction that the father be interviewed in relation to the adoption. Rule 22(1) of the Adoption Rules (SI 1984 No 265) provided that where the child was placed for adoption the adoption agency (the local authority) should supply a written report covering the matters specified in Schedule 2.

Schedule 2 was divided into seven main paragraphs. Paragraph 2, the relevant paragraph in the instant case, was headed "Each natural parent, including where appropriate the father who was not married to the child's mother at the time of his birth". There then followed subparagraphs giving the particulars to be supplied concerning each natural parent defined as aforesaid.

The judge had held that the words "where appropriate" in paragraph 2 added nothing to the meaning of the provisions. In the court's judgment, the judge fell into two errors. First, the words "where appropriate" were highly significant.

Prima facie, the father of an illegitimate child was not a parent of that child, where the word "parent" was used in the statutes relating to adoption or the rules made thereunder. If it had been intended to include the father of an illegitimate child in every case, the words "where appropriate" were wholly superfluous.

In the court's judgment the words "where appropriate" were clearly intended to confer a discretion on the adoption agency preparing the report whether or not to include particulars of the father of an illegitimate child.

Second, the discretion was in any event that of the adoption agency. The judge had no power to interfere with the exercise of that discretion unless it had been improperly exercised. The judge thought that no discretion existed but if, as the Court of Appeal held, there was such a discretion, then it was impossible to say that it was improperly exercised.

The authority, being convinced that adoption was in J's interest, was concerned that it should not fall through because of an approach, unwanted by the mother, to a putative father who was not even aware of J's existence.

Solicitors: Mr D. H. Thomas, Cardiff; Treasury Solicitor.

New leaders striving to cope with great demands of competition and no less great expectations of their followers

The best of Bath is no longer on tap

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

Bath **17**
Orrell **9**

THE pleasure that Jack Rowell, Bath's coach, felt at seeing his club displace Leicester on Saturday at the top of the Courage Clubs Championship may have been attenuated by the knowledge that Bath are not at their efficient best these days. The reasons are tolerably plain: Bath have to adjust, like any other club, to the loss of key players, and the intensity of league competition coupled with the weight of expectancy from their spectators is still hard to come to terms with.

There were indications at the Recreation Ground in the first half against Orrell that Bath would have few difficulties retaining their unbeaten first-division record. When Brierley, the Orrell lock, was sent off ten minutes into the second half for kicking a prostrate opponent, it seemed only a question of time before the 9-8 half-time deficit was erased.

Yet by full time they were relieved to have won by a goal, two tries and a penalty goal to a goal and a try, having made matters inordinately difficult for themselves against a defence which conceded nothing. In adversity, Orrell lost some inhibitions, and if Strett had kicked a penalty goal to reclaim a one-point lead going into the final quarter, victory for the 14 men was by no means impossible; instead, the stand-off half, who had earlier posted 100 points for the season with the conversion of his own try, hit a post and Bath, with an injury-time try by Robinson, made matters safe.

Bath scored two delightful first-half tries, the first sustaining play magnificently, the second using Webb as a decoy to give Swift an unchallenged run to the line. Yet after the interval they fell between every conceivable stool, neither driving as potently as they should have done, given their overwhelming domination of the lineout, and perhaps unwilling to believe that their centres would continue to play so indifferently.

Guscott, at the moment, looks like a player who needs to think in percentage terms to get his game back into its customary groove. He is such a finely tuned touch player that it is almost possible to see him reviewing options that would not occur to most players, but against the enthusiastic Orrell tacklers it was all taking too much time on Saturday; the first option is sometimes the best.

Orrell may not be the most sophisticated side in the country when it comes to back play, but they give little away. Their defence, particularly close to their own line, which is where they spent much of the second half, was outstanding and Strett is maturing. I have tended to think of him previously as primarily a kicking stand-off, but he has the confidence to express himself more and Orrell will be better for it, even if against Bath they could find no means of giving Heslop, their international wing, a run on a day when he desperately wanted to do well so as to claim a place in the England side to play Argentina, which is due to be announced today.

Neither side won any great scrummage advantage, though Dawe took the tight heads 2-1 (the Orrell strike came when they were down to seven forwards), but though in the first half Cusani won many first touches at the lineout, it availed Orrell little as Bath came through so swiftly. "Ball-watching, not man-watching," Des Seabrook, their coach, growled. Webb and Swift did the donkey work for Guscott's try, but Barnes, still feeling a groin strain, was off target with his kicking and it was his over-deliberate pass to Guscott which Strett intercepted to help nudge his side ahead.

Moreover, Barnes chose to run two penalties he (or Webb) might have kicked before Brierley, a policeman, was dispatched by Ed Morrison after dangerous use of the boot at a ruck. Though, as is so often the case, Orrell played above themselves thereafter, it might just have cost them the game.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Guscott, Swift, Robinson. Conversion: Barnes. Penalty goal: Barnes. **Orrell:** Try: Strett. Conversion: Strett. Penalty goal: Strett.

BATH: J Webb; A Swift, J Bamsey, J Guscott, P Blackett; S Barnes, R Hill; V Ubogu, G Dawe, R Lee, N Maslen, M Haag, A Reed, A Robinson, J Hall.

ORRELL: S Taberner; N Heslop, S Langford, G Ainscough, P Halsall; M Strett, D Morris; M Hynes, I Taylor, D Southern, D Cleary, C Brierley, D Cusani, N Ashurst, S Bibby.

Referee: E Morrison (Gloucestershire).

MARC ASPLAND

In safe hands: Hill, of Bath, is there with open arms to receive the ball from Blackett before the wing is brought down by Heslop, of Orrell

Hopley is ready to cap a meteoric rise through ranks

By BRYAN STILES

Wasps **14**
Gloucester **9**

DAMIEN Hopley has taken only a handful of matches in senior rugby to convince many a wise head that he is the player to step into the England team should anything happen to Will Carling, the captain.

Such meteoric advancement might be regarded as a little premature, but Hopley will know he is breathing down Carling's neck when he is named today to play in the centre for one of the England B teams at the beginning of next month.

This university student's learning curve has swept almost vertically since he began playing regularly this season with the talented players that abound in the Wasps team. John Elliot, the England selector, was in no doubt about his potential on Saturday after seeing him score one superb try, create another for his centre partner, Graham Childs, and set up a scoring chance that was spurned.

"He has come from nowhere this season and we have had to take him out of the under-21s so that we can pick him for the B team," Elliot said. "We don't want to have him sitting on the bench for the senior England side, we want to see him in action at B level to assess him."

Hopley ruffled Carling's label in the opening Courage Clubs Championship match of the season when he took the plaudits as Wasps beat Harlequins, but it was felt that his dazzling performance then might be a flash in the pan.

He has since proved he has the consistency to succeed at the highest level, and on Saturday his skill was one of the decisive factors in bringing Wasps victory by two tries and two penalty goals to three penalty goals.

Hopley's defensive qualities were on display in the opening quarter when Gloucester looked certain to breach the Wasps defence. The visitors were gaining a consistent flow of the ball from Brain in the lineout and it seemed only a matter of time before the fire of their pack would be rewarded.

But the Wasps' rearguard prevailed and Gloucester trailed at the interval. Rob Andrew kicking two penalty goals in answer to one from Smith, who was one of several attackers to be brought down just short of the try line.

Wasps lost Buzza, the full back, failing to come out for the second half because of a shoulder injury. Buzza is another fine England prospect, but, luckily for Wasps, they were able to switch Steve Pilgrim, an England B full back, from the wing.

Childs put Wasps 10-3 ahead after Hopley had stepped out of a tackle on the halfway line and raced through to prise open the gap which sent his centre over the try line. Andrew, who lost his tactical and place kicking touch in the second half, failed with the conversion and went on to put three other kicks wide.

Smith was more accurate, kicking two additional penalty goals to bring Gloucester to within a point of their rivals, but Hopley brought the house down with a wonderful 40-yard run in which he broke three tackles and sped through a packed defence before touching down.

Wasps face a hefty bill when they fly Hopley down from his university in Scotland for all their home league matches. It is a cost they will happily bear if he continues in this vein.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: Childs, Hopley. Penalty goals: Andrew (2). **Gloucester:** Penalty goals: T Smith (3).

WASPS: A Buzza (rep: C Wright); S Smith, G Childs, D Hopley, S Pilgrim; R Andrew, B Mason; P Rendall, A Simmons, J Probyn, M Rose, R Kinsey, C Pinnegar, M White, D Ryan.

GLOUCESTER: T Smith; D Morgan, D Caskie, D Cummins, N Marment; M Hamlin, M Hannaford; P Jones, K Dunn, R Pascall, D Spencer, D Sims, J Brain, I Smith, M Teague.

Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset).

- Some Gloucester supporters have protested to Wasps over the charges they faced at Saturday's match. They claim that admission and bar prices were increased for their visit and that they were not allowed to stand where they wanted. A written protest was handed to Wasps' press officer, John Gasson.

Strength can be a weakness

By PETER BILLS

Saracens **7**
Harlequins **39**

HARLEQUINS' ascent to the shared leadership of the Courage Clubs Championship, while no more than one would have expected, given the club's galaxy of stars, heralds significantly better times for the club.

The profusion of quality players at a club which had assumed the unwanted reputation of a Manchester United — forever recruiting but seldom achieving — may at last be laying the foundations for a sustained period of excellence. Saracens, experiencing the converse in fortunes, were eventually brushed aside with disturbing ease.

Harlequins' stand-in captain, Mick Skinner, considered this performance their best for a long time. Bearing in mind that the litmus test for his club comes at Bath in a league match three weeks hence, Skinner said: "I wish we could meet them on Saturday. We had a great result at Nottingham two weeks ago and this display following that one shows we have character and an ability to battle hard."

Harlequins have been immensely fortified by the arrival of the Australian international, Coker, who has formed an intimidating lineout partnership with the peerless Ackford. Coker's contribution extends to sterling work in tight and loose and his determined approach has been mirrored by Moore and, of course, Skinner. One high tackle the Harlequins captain executed on Buckton which led to a penalty was a shuddering physical challenge: one closed one's eyes in horror.

But Harlequins will need to be strong at Bath. They accept that the cup holders are again the team to beat, but recognise that their own potency will be proved only when they have faced and overcome the fixture pile-up after Christmas which sees important league and cup games sandwiched between internationals. While Harlequins could contribute six internationals to England, Bath may provide only three, and that factor could undermine Harlequins' aspirations this season.

They are a vastly improved side that will develop much further if Carling can reproduce his international form in a club shirt.

Pears, whose confidence has been broken as easily as an eggshell, demonstrated here what he could contribute. Immaculate goal-kicking (nine successful kicks from nine attempts) drew Harlequins away from their opponents. But his breaks later in the game which instigated two tries were just as important to his future self-belief.

Saracens, ahead early on at 7-3, could offer only Clarke's sterling efforts as a token gesture of competition. Their side has fallen apart from last year and unless greater quality is found they face a long, hard winter of attrition. The late tries by Glenister, Thompson and Wedderburn cut them to the quick.

SCORERS: Saracens: Try: Clarke. Penalty goal: Rudling. **Harlequins:** Tries: Harriman, Glenister, Thompson, Wedderburn. Conversions: Pears (4). Penalty goals: Pears (5).

SARACENS: S Robinson; A Phillips, J Buckton, D Hughes, B Rudling; M Fletcher, B Davies; A Rode, R Andrews, P Lindley, R Malone, L Adamson, C Tarbuck, B Clarke.

HARLEQUINS: R Glenister; A Harriman, W Carling, A Thompson, M Wedderburn; D Pears, C Luxton; M Hobley, B Moore, A Mullins, M Skinner, P Ackford, T Coker, C Mantell (rep: N Killick), C Butcher.

Referee: A Mason (London).

Fortress Beeston has an air of autumn vulnerability

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

Nottingham **12**
Moseley **7**

AS BATH and Gloucester can testify, Nottingham and Beeston were a formidable combination towards the end of last season. Both faltered there in the run-in to the Courage Clubs Championship — Gloucester in their final match to hand the title to Wasps. Having achieved a stirring triumph at Harlequins in between, Nottingham looked capable of challenging the best.

How things have changed. Key players have moved on and that, combined with a recent run of injuries, has left a side which is only a shadow of its former rampaging self. On Saturday, it spluttered to an unconvincing victory over lowly Moseley by four penalty goals to a try and a penalty goal in ideal conditions for a flowing game.

Moseley, too, beat Harlequins as last season wound down, but their only other championship victory came against Bedford, and it was the fact that only one team was relegated in 1989-90 that kept them in the top flight. With two going down this time, they will struggle.

Without ever looking likely to cross their opponents' line, Nottingham had things very much their own way in the last half hour, and will claim that had Simon Hodgkinson, the England full back, landed all seven of his penalty goal attempts, the final score would have better reflected the game. The flair though was missing, and not solely due to Neil Back's move to Leicester.

In Greg Koral, they have another outstanding flanker, and with Gary Rees, also on top of his game, they left no man untackled as Nottingham strove to make amends in the loose for deficiencies elsewhere.

The loss of their hooker, Roger Taylor, when Moseley took the lead after 13 minutes did the Nottingham cause no good, and they subsequently lost a handful of strikes against the head.

Their try was a neat one, Graham Smith, a prop, going over wide on the right after feeding Boyle second-phase ball on the narrow side and looping round to collect from Spiller, his wing. Hodgkinson, though, had kicked two penalties by the break and was on hand for two more after Arntzen, with one of his own, had reclaimed the lead for Moseley nine minutes into the second half.

Nottingham are probably content with four points from their first four games, but with a trip to Gloucester to come, and Wasps next to visit Beeston, there are trying times ahead.

SCORERS: Nottingham: Penalty goals: Hodgkinson (4). **Moseley:** Try: Smith. Penalty goal: Arntzen.

NOTTINGHAM: W Kilford; S Hackney, S Potter, G Hartley, R Byrom; S Hodgkinson, C Campbell; M Freer, R Taylor (rep: J Hudson), L Richardson, G Koral, C Gray, D Hindmarch, G Rees, P Cook.

MOSELEY: S Purdy; D Spiller, C Arntzen, R Maclean, C Spowart; L Boyle, S Robson; M Linnett, G Cox, G Smith, N Martin, R Taylor, S Lloyd, R Barr, C Raymond.

Referee: M Edwards (Warwickshire).

Irish handicaps are self-imposed

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

Sale **36**
London Irish **24**

TWO factors cost London Irish their chances of victory at Brooklands on Saturday and the the leadership of the second division of the Courage Clubs Championship. First, they arrived only ten minutes before the scheduled start, and although the match kicked off ten minutes late, they played the first half like somnambulists.

Second, they defended with such naivity and incompetence that, despite largely controlling the game's final quarter, they left themselves to much to do to overhaul the lead Sale had built up.

Inspired and organised by Booth, their young scrum half, Sale began in impressive style, before fading in worrying fashion.

Sale, 18-3 ahead at the interval, led 26-6 before London Irish managed to sustain an urgency that brought a flurry of points. The pack applied pressure through neat handling, before a pushover, touched down by the excellent Saunders. Collins and Verling also contributed tries, all three being converted by the reliable Mullen.

But Sale answered this burst with two tries of their own, although more resolute defending could have prevented the final score, by Davies.

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Maskery, Hamer, Stansfield, Powell, Davies. Conversions: Booth (2). Penalty goals: Booth (3). Dropped goal: Shufflebotham. **London Irish:** Tries: Saunders, Collins, Verling. Conversions: Mullen (3). Penalty goals: Mullen (2).

SALE: P Hamer; J Powell, P Stansfield, S Burnhill, R Davies; O Shufflebotham, R Booth, M Whitcombe, O Taylor, N Wheeler, M Kenrick, O Parker, T Bainbridge, S Maskery, A Macfarlane.

LONDON IRISH: J Staples; M Corcoran, J Hewitt, O Curtis, O Blenman; B Mullen, R Saunders; N Donovan (rep: O Robson), M Leonard, A Hayes, P Neary, I Stevens, A Hurling, P Collins, A Millar.

Referee: O Salles (France).

Jed-Forest give way to Stirling

By ALAN LORIMER

AFTER the first five rounds of matches in the McEwan's National League, Stirling County, in only their second season in the first division, are the new championship leaders with a 100 per cent record after defeating Kelso 18-3 at Poynder Park.

Whether Stirling can maintain this early momentum will be determined in the next two matches, which bring stiff tests against **Edinburgh Academicals** and **Heriot's FP**.

Heriot's who have played one game less than Stirling maintained their challenge with a 26-0 win over Stewart's-Melville at Goldenacre. Three tries came from the wings, through Michie (2) and Hewitt, and the remainder of the points were contributed by the stand-off, Glasgow.

Boroughmuir enhanced their prospects by defeating the Saturday morning leaders, Jed-Forest, 31-9 at Riverside with Hall, MacLean, Douglas and McCartney their try-scorers. Jed-Forest, hampered by the loss of Kevin Armstrong and their hooker, Barrie, replied with three penalty goals.

The defending champions, Melrose, had to work hard before overcoming the division one newcomers, Currie, 18-13 at Malleny Park, helped by tries from Blacklock and the Scotland stand-off, Chalmers. Just above Melrose are Gala, who consolidated their position with a 40-6 win over Edinburgh Wanderers.

Selkirk gained their first championship points this season with a 25-15 win over Glasgow High/Kelvinside at Old Anniesland. Their try-scorers were Ballantyne, Tukalo and Craig, and there were two conversions and three penalty goals from the full back, Pow.

Steamroller loses some of its steam

By GERALD DAVIES

Neath **19**
Newbridge **7**

NEATH remain unbeaten. They are steamrolling along and it is hard to imagine anyone stopping them. A defeat for Neath would enliven the premier division of the Heineken League.

Their home record stretches back to the All Black match in October last year. They won this match by two goals, a try and a penalty goal to a try and a penalty goal.

Newbridge so disrupted the home team's pattern that Neath failed to play in their usual up-tempo manner. Not for a long time have Neath been forced, as they were here, to do so much kicking; they prefer, in their energetic, almost frenetic, way to deal with the ball in hand.

Newbridge kept them on a tight rein, winning the lineout ball through Sutton and forcing Neath to stay down in the scrum. Crane and Taylor, from the back row, aimed their thrusts at the midfield.

Neath had to do so much tackling that their attention was distracted from trying to find their rhythm.

Perhaps Newbridge, who had allowed 116 points to be scored on their last two visits to the Gnoll, were happy to keep things close, trying to drive Neath's scrum back at their line instead of giving Manley a chance at centre, or Westwood and Harries on the wings.

Or perhaps they asked too much of Taylor at No. 8, who picked up too often and charged close to the scrum. Had they chanced their arm a little, they might have achieved more.

As it is, Neath, who may be more renowned for their fluid attack, always make certain their defence is strong enough in the first place.

If Neath stumble, sooner or later, it will be because the demands on their squad will prove too onerous. Already they are running short in the back row. Phillips and Jones have gone to league, Pugh is suspended and, on Saturday, Martin Morris went off the field with an injury. The stock is severely depleted.

Morris got the first try when he followed up Bird's superb high kick which Rees fumbled over his own line for the flanker to score. Thorburn converted. Rees made amends with a penalty and his clever chip shot to the corner gave his wing, Harries, a chance to stretch his legs and win the race for the touchdown.

Laity restored the lead when he took Bridge's short pass close to a scrum and wended his way past several defenders for a try which Thorburn again converted.

A stern contest developed in the second half, largely among the forwards. A lapse by Taylor when picking up the ball from the base of the scrum allowed Bridges to intercept and sprint 40 metres unopposed for his try. Thorburn's penalty goal confirmed their late superiority.

SCORERS: Neath: Tries: Morris, Bridges, Laity. Conversions: Thorburn (2). Penalty goal: Thorburn. **Newbridge:** Try: Harries. Penalty goal: Rees.

NEATH: P Thorburn; A Edmunds, C Laity, S Gibbs, G Davies; J Bird, C Bridges; J Davies, K Phillips, K Matthews, M Morris (rep: A Varney), G Llewellyn, M Whitson, I Callaghan, A Kembury.

NEWBRIDGE: O Rees; A Harries, C Manley, M Kehoe, J Westwood; P Williams, S Fealey; D Crane, K Waters (rep: S Jones), S Jenkins, P Crane, A Collins, A Sutton, O Roberts, H Taylor.

Referee: R Yemen (Port Talbot).

Argentine player is suspended

By GEORGE ACE

Ireland B **27**
Argentina **12**

LUIS Lonardi, Argentina's uncapped loose-head prop, has been suspended for six weeks following his sending-off for stamping at a ruck against the Ireland B side at Thomond Park, Limerick, on Saturday. No decision has yet been taken as to whether he will be sent home.

Hugo Porta, his captain, was, uncharacteristically, also involved in an unpleasant incident when, just before the interval, he felled Cunningham with a dipped shoulder. Clayton Thomas, a no-nonsense referee, gave him a lengthy, finger-wagging lecture.

The dismissal of Lonardi and the loss of Simes with a gashed eye so disrupted the Argentine pack that it was difficult to make a proper assessment of their prospects. But there was no doubt about the comprehensive nature of this defeat in the opening game of a most demanding eight-match tour.

SCORERS: Ireland B: Tries: Riordan, Galwey, Bradley, Geoghegan. Conversion: Barry. Penalty goals: Barry (2), Cunningham. **Argentina:** Try: Scolni. Conversion: Porta. Penalty goals: Porta (2).

IRELAND B: C Wilkinson (Malone); J Riordan (Wanderers), O Clarke (Dolphin), V Cunningham (St Mary's College), S Geoghegan (London Irish); N Barry (Garryowen), M Bradley (Constitution, captain); J Fitzgerald (Young Munster), T Kingston (Dolphin), G Halpin (Wanderers), K Leahy (Wanderers), K Potts (St Mary's College), M Galwey (Shannon), W McBride (Malone), P Lawlor (Bective Rangers).

ARGENTINA: A Scolni; G Romero Acuna, O Cuesta Silva, S Meson, S Izcurra; H Porta (captain), G Camardon; L Lonardi, A Cubelli, H Bailatore, P Garreton, G Llanes, J Simes (rep: F E Mendez), E Ezcurra, A Macome.

Referee: C Thomas (Wales).

New Zealand hit back with vengeance

NARBONNE (AFP) — New Zealand made 14 changes to the side beaten 19-15 in Toulon on Wednesday, and crushed a Languedoc regional XV 22-6 in the second match of their French tour here on Saturday:

There were only three points in it with ten minutes to play, but a try by the No. 8 Zinzan Brooke, followed by a penalty try converted by the full back, Kieran Crowley, four minutes later clinched the game. Crowley kicked four penalty goals for a personal contribution of 14 points.

The Narbonne stand-off half, Jean-Marc Lescure, kept the French in contention with a penalty goal just after the break, but a dropped goal on 67 minutes made the score 9-6 for the All Blacks.

Simon Mannix, aged 19, in for the injured Grant Fox, was the only player remaining from the defeat on Wednesday.

The New Zealand coach, Alex Wylie, said his side was still making too many mistakes. "But we always said these regional selections were tough and they are proving that," he added.

He said there would be more changes for the night match on Wednesday at Brive, but had yet to decide on the international side.

"We won't see that before Bayonne," he said. That is the match against the French Barbarians, on October 30.

SCORERS: Languedoc XV: Penalty goal: Lescure. Dropped goal: Lescure. **New Zealand:** Tries: Brooke, penalty try. Conversion: Crowley. Penalty goals: Crowley (4).

WEEKEND RESULTS AND TABLES

Tour match

Ireland B 27 Argentina 12

Ireland B: Tries: Riordan, Galwey, Bradley, Geoghegan. Con: Barry. Pens: Barry (2), Cunningham. **Argentina:** Try: Scolni. Con: Porta. Pens: Porta (2).

Courage Clubs Championship
First division

Bath 17 Orrell 9

Bath: Tries: Guscott, Swift, Robinson. Con: Barnes. Pen: Barnes. **Orrell:** Try: Strett. Con: Strett. Pen: Strett.

Liverpool St H 6 Bristol 7

Liverpool St Helens: Pens: Higgins (2). **Bristol:** Try: Stiff. Pen: Hogg.

Nottingham 12 Moseley 7

Nottingham: Pens: Hodgkinson (4). **Moseley:** Try: Smith. Pen: Arntzen.

Rosslyn Pk 17 Leicester 15

Rosslyn Park: Tries: Thomas, Hunter. Pens: Graves (2). Dropped goals: Holder. **Leicester:** Tries: Wills, Bates. Cons: Liley (2). Pens: Liley.

Saracens 7 Harlequins 39

Saracens: Tries: Clarke. Pen: Rudling. **Harlequins:** Tries: Glenister, Harriman, Thompson, Wedderburn. Cons: Pears (4). Pens: Pears (5).

Wasps 14 Gloucester 9

Wasps: Tries: Childs, Hopley. Pens: Andrew (2). **Gloucester:** Pens: Smith (3).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bath	3	3	0	0	79	22	6
Harlequins	4	3	0	1	88	37	6
Leicester	4	3	0	1	80	44	6
Wasps	4	3	0	1	66	52	6
Orrell	4	2	0	2	71	39	4
Northampton	3	2	0	1	48	35	4
Bristol	4	2	0	2	51	50	4
Nottingham	4	2	0	2	49	57	4
Rosslyn Pk	4	2	0	2	42	58	4
Gloucester	3	1	0	2	45	44	2
Saracens	4	1	0	3	38	91	2
Moseley	3	0	0	3	28	84	0
L'pool St H	4	0	0	4	22	114	0

Club matches

Cheltenham	23	Bournemouth	13
Exeter	21	Coventry	13
Northampton	19	Cambridge Univ	14
Oxford Univ	15	Durham Univ	4

SCOTLAND: McEwan's League: Third division: Aberdeen GSFP 8, Howe of Fife 15; Peebles 10, Portobello FP 16; Highland 13, Dalziel HSFP 10; Clarkston 23, Gordonians 7; Biggar 22, Wigtownshire 0; Trinity Academicals 15, Grangemouth 10; Haddington 3, Perthshire 19. Fourth division: Leith Academicals 18, East Kilbride 10; St Boswells 10, Cartha Queen's Park 6; Lismore 21, Linlithgow 7; Hutchesons 23, Waysiders 18; Greenock Wanderers 10, Cambuslang 6; Edinburgh University 3, Dumfries 25; Morgan FP 4, Penicuik 3. Fifth division: Madras FP 10, Livingston 7; Dunbar 22, Paisley 15; Hillfoots 31, Moray 9; Glenrothes 17, Aberdeenshire 7; Ardrossan Academicals 13, Murrayfield 8; Broughton FP 16, Stewartry 40; Alloa 28, North Berwick 18. Sixth division: Harris FP 8, Earlston 13; Drumpellier 10, Lenzie 15; Walkerburn 27, Montrose 9; Carnoustie HSFP 9, St Andrew's University 12; Aberdeen University 15, Clydebank 18; Falkirk 18, Cumbernauld 3; Lasswade 23, Marr 9. Seventh division: Cumnock 16, Panmure 15; Strathmore 12, Garnock 9; Ross High 12, Irvine 21; RAF Kinloss 12, Rosyth and District 24; Whitecraigs 21, Birkmyre 9; Garioch 4, Holy Cross 12; Forrester FP 6, Duns 3.

Second division

Bedford 10 Plymouth 9

Bedford: Try: Finnie. Pen: Finnie. Dropped goal: Finnie. **Plymouth:** Pens: Gabbitass (3).

Blackheath 9 Gosforth 19

Blackheath: Pens: Parker (2). Dropped goal: King. **Newcastle Gosforth:** Try: Smith (2). Con: Johnson. Pens: Johnson (3).

L Scottish 30 Headingley 7

London Scottish: Tries: Penalty try, Mackay (2), Macklin, Millard, Grecian. Cons: Grecian (3). **Headingley:** Try: Hartley. Pen: Iveson.

Rugby 28 Richmond 9

Rugby: Tries: Jenkins, Brain, Revan. Cons: Vaudin (2). Pens: Vaudin (3). Dropped goal: Pell. **Richmond:** Try: Forde. Con: Radford. Pen: Radford.

Sale 36 L Irish 24

Sale: Tries: Maskery, Hamer, Stansfield, Powell, Davies. Cons: Booth (2). Pens: Booth (3). Dropped goal: Shufflebotham. **London Irish:** Tries: Saunders, Verling, Collins. Cons: Mullen (3). Pens: Mullen (2).

Waterloo 6 Wakefield 14

Waterloo: Pens: Wilkinson (2). **Wakefield:** Tries: Cowling, Garnett, Harrison. Con: Bowers.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wakefield	4	3	0	1	60	30	6
L Scottish	4	3	0	1	71	44	6
Coventry	3	3	0	0	54	28	6
Rugby	4	3	0	1	79	55	6
London Irish	4	3	0	1	91	69	6
Sale	4	2	0	2	94	44	4
Gosforth	4	2	0	2	48	40	4
Plymouth	3	1	0	2	48	42	2
Richmond	3	1	0	2	50	64	2
Waterloo	4	1	0	3	48	66	2
Bedford	4	1	0	3	45	83	2
Headingley	4	1	0	3	34	105	2
Blackheath	3	0	0	3	26	54	0

Third division

Askeans	19	Fylde	7
Broughton Pk	9	Lydney	12
Morley	11	Met Police	17
Sheffield	23	Roundhay	3
Vale of Lune	15	Nuneaton	27
W Hartlepool	38	Clifton	13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W Hartlepool	4	3	1	0	86	46	7
Sheffield	4	3	0	1	86	51	6
Clifton	4	3	0	1	78	64	6
Met Police	4	2	0	2	49	44	4
Lydney	4	2	0	2	49	57	4
Broughtn Pk	4	2	0	2	32	43	4
Askeans	3	1	1	1	35	29	3
Morley	4	1	1	2	48	48	3
Exeter	3	1	1	1	37	47	3
Nuneaton	3	1	0	2	47	51	2
Roundhay	3	1	0	2	23	41	2
Vale of Lune	4	1	0	3	54	77	2
Fylde	4	1	0	3	33	57	2

MIDLANDS: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Barkers Butts 13, Derby 12; Camp Hill 13, Stockwood Park 15; Mansfield 4, Newark 12; Paviors 10, Westleigh 6; Sutton Coldfield 8, Towcestrians 28. Second division east: Biggleswade 21, Lincoln 4; Matlock 12, Syston 12; Scunthorpe 43, Kettering 5; Stewarts and Lloyds 18, Chesterfield 3; Vipers 33, Peterborough 7. Second division west: Bromsgrove 13, Burton 12; Leamington 10, Bedworth 4; Newbold 12, Keresley 38; Stafford 7, Wolverhampton 14; Worcester 39, Old Yardleians 3. East Midlands-Leicester: Bedford Athletic 29, Aylestone St James 9; Long Buckby 7, Belgrave 33; Lutterworth 8, Northampton Trinity 4; Stoneygate 22, Luton 6; Wellingborough 7, Coalville 13. North Midlands: First division: Bridgnorth 8, Ludlow 17; Dixonians 3, Kings Norton 0; Evesham 10, Veseyans 9; Luctonians 4, Whitchurch 12; Woodrush 24, Shrewsbury 15. Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and Derbyshire: First division: Amber Valley 30, Southwell 0; East Retford 9, Mellish 31; Glossop 16, Spalding 26; Sleaford 11, Stamford 12; Worksop 20, Nottingham Casuals 0. Staffordshire/Warwickshire: Leek 3, Stratford upon Avon 6; Newcastle 4, Old Longtonians 19; Tamworth 13, Nuneaton OE 7; Uttoxeter 3, Old Leamingtonians 47; Willenhall 6, Broad Street 13.

NORTH: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Bradford and Bingley 14, Aspatria 9; Halifax 17, Tynedale 6; Hull Ionians 6, Middlesbrough 10; Rotherham 32, Hartlepool Rovers 7; Widnes 19, Birkenhead Park 9. Second division: Alnwick 7, Lymm 32; Carlisle 15, Stockton 21; Huddersfield 0, Sandal 8; New Brighton 15, West Park (St Helens) 8; Wigan 31, Wharfedale 15. North East: First division: Blaydon 18, York 15; Keighley 28, Morpeth 8; Novocastrians 9, Old Crossleyans 8; Thornensians 10, Roundhegians 22. Second division: Ashington 12, Old Hymerians 11; Blyth 28, Ripon 13; Newcastle University 3, West Park Bramhope 25; Pontefract 15, Selby 17; Westoe 9, Rockcliff 9. North West: First division: Caldy 12, Devonport 21; Cockermouth 6, Wirral 0; Egremont 19, Macclesfield 10; Rochdale 0, Manchester 30; Sedgley Park 6, Northwich 10. Second division: Blackburn 13, Merseyside Police 3; Chester 15, St Edward's Old Boys 34; Old Aldwinians 10, Wilmslow 11; Southport 11, Workington 5; Warrington 23, Penrith 22.

Fourth division south

Basingstoke	33	Ealing	10
Camborne	17	Havant	12
Maidenhead	4	Redruth	25
N Walsham	15	Maidstone	13
Sudbury	24	Southend	20
Weston s Mare	18	L Welsh	7

Fourth division north

Birmingham	14	Durham	12
Hereford	13	Preston G'pers	9
Kendal	6	Lichfield	13
Otley	43	Northern	3
Stourbridge	20	Walsall	13
Winnington Pk	35	Stoke	9

SOUTH WEST: Courage Clubs Championship: First division: Barnstaple 28, Banbury 3; Berry Hill 8, Gordon League 7; Brixham 15, High Wycombe 10; Stroud 12, Reading 12; Taunton 3, St Ives 38; Torquay 17, Salisbury 12. Second division: Abbey 19, Cinderford 12; Barnstaple 28, Banbury 3; Newbury 24, Penryn 8; Oxford 30, Henley 10; Redingensians 6, Marlow 24. Southern Counties: Bracknell 13, Slough 0; Swindon 13, Swanage and Wareham 12. Western Counties: Avonmouth 12, Combe Down 7; Bridgwater 12, Culverhaysians 7; Launceston 20, Penzance 7; Tiverton 16, Okehampton 21; Truro 9, Newquay 15. Gloucestershire and Somerset: Cirencester 13, Drybrook 3; Cleve 14, Coney Hill 21; Oldfield 28, Midsomer Norton 9; Spartans 35, Frome 9; Whitehall 20, Keynsham 12. Gloucestershire: First division: Bream 10, Cheltenham North 13; Brockworth 3, Gloucester Old Boys 35; North Bristol 4, Ashley Down 6; St Mary's 19, Old Patesians 6; Widden 14, Longlevens 15. Somerset: First division: Bristol Harlequins 9, Hornets 9; Imperial 6, Minehead Barbarians 6; Walcot Old Boys 4, Old Sulians 21; Yatton 3, Wiveliscombe 32; Yeovil 10, St Bernadettes Old Boys 10. Cornwall and Devon: First division: Bideford 14, Devonport Services 7; Exeter Saracens 4, Devon and Cornwall Police 24; Exmouth 12, Hayle 9; Sidmouth 42, Plymouth CS 10; Teignmouth 35, [illegible] Park 3. Cornwall: First division: Bodmin 19, Liskeard-Looe 20; Bude 3, Falmouth 6; Saltash 10, St Austell 6; Stithians 40, St Agnes 10; Veor 32, Wadebridge 6. Devon: First division: Cullompton 20, Jesters 0; Newton Abbot 28, Topsham 15; Paignton 21, Ivybridge 20; South Molton 14, Plymouth Argaum 6; Totnes 20, Old Technicians 21. Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire: First division: Beaconsfield 6, Drifters 19; Didcot 4, Oxford Old Boys 35; Olney 6, Milton Keynes 7; Oxford Marathon 17, Littlemore 0; Pennanians 24, Wheatley 7. Berkshire, Dorset and Wiltshire: First division: Aldermaston 9, Puddletown 0; Corsham 18, Melksham 7; Devizes 21, North Dorset 10; Weymouth 25, Lytchett Minster 14; Wootton Bassett 4, Chippenham 6.

Heineken Welsh League
Premier division

Abertillery 3 Pontypool 30

Abertillery: Pen: Hayward. **Pontypool:** Tries: Orrell (4), Phillips. Cons: Phillips (2). Pens: Phillips (2).

Bridgend 21 Swansea 22

Bridgend: Tries: Apsee (2), Webbe. Cons: Parry (3). Pen: Parry. **Swansea:** Tries: Taylor (2). Con: Jones. Pens: Jones (4).

Llanelli 55 Glamorgan W 9

Llanelli: Tries: Setaro (2), Moon (2), Jones (2), Bowling, Lewis. Cons: Evans (7). Pens: Evans (3). **Glamorgan Wanderers:** Try: Mansfield. Con: Bolderson. Pen: Bolderson.

Neath 19 Newbridge 7

Neath: Tries: Laity, Bridges, Morris. Cons: Thorburn (2). Pen: Thorburn. **Newbridge:** Try: Harries. Pen: Rees.

Pontypridd 20 Cardiff 21

Pontypridd: Tries: Jarman, Jenkins. Pens: Jenkins (3). Dropped goal: Jenkins. **Cardiff:** Try: Watkins. Con: Evans. Pens: Evans (4), M.Rayer.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neath	4	4	0	0	79	42	12
Pontypool	4	3	0	1	75	42	9
Bridgend	4	3	0	1	57	50	9
Cardiff	4	2	0	2	58	54	6
Swansea	4	2	0	2	71	75	6
Llanelli	4	1	1	2	84	52	4
Pontypridd	4	1	1	2	56	59	4
Newbridge	4	1	0	3	35	58	3
Abertillery	4	1	0	3	34	69	3
Glamorgan W	4	1	0	3	44	94	3

First division

Cross Keys	14	Tredegar	8
Ebbw Vale	11	Newport	40
Maesteg	12	S Wales Pol	3
Penarth	19	Aberavon	25

IRELAND: Representative match: Army 9, Connacht 20. Ulster: Senior League: Academy 7, Collegians 24; Ards 32, Armagh 7; Dungannon 32, Portadown 19; Queens University 16, City of Derry 17. Senior club: CIYMS 22, Lansdowne 29; Instonians 35, NIFC 21; Malone 26, Ballymena 16. Leinster: Senior League: Monkstown 9, Dublin University 9; Skerries 21, Old Belvedere 4; University College Dublin 21, DLSP 12. Senior club: Clontarf 16, Sunday's Well 32; Bective Rangers 20, University College Cork 3; Wanderers 6, Greystones 37. Munster: Senior club: Bohemians 32, Ballinasloe 6; Constitution 3, Old Wesley 20; Garryowen 30, Galwegians 0; Dolphin 21, Corinthians 8; Highfield 8, Terenure College 27.

McEwan's Scottish League
First division

Currie 13 Melrose 18

Currie: Try: Nolen. Pens: Donaldson (3). **Melrose:** Tries: Blacklock, Chalmers. Cons: Chalmers (2). Pens: Chalmers (2).

Edinburgh A 29 Hawick 12

Edinburgh Academicals: Tries: Moore (2), Swanson, Shepherd, Gibson, Wainwright. Con: Burns. Pen: Burns. **Hawick:** Pens: Oliver (4).

Gala 40 Edinburgh W 0

Gala: Tries Learmonth (2), Swan, Bryson, Liddell, Amos. Cons: Dodds (6). **Edinburgh Wanderers:** Pen: Pulfrey. Dropped goal: Craig.

Glasgow High 15 Selkirk 25

Glasgow High-Kelvinside: Try: Wallace. Cons: Bassi. Pens: Bassi (2). Dropped goal: Breckenridge. **Selkirk:** Tries Ballantyne, Craig, Tukalo. Cons: Pow (2). Pens: Pow (3).

Heriot's FP 26 Stewart's Mel 0

Heriot's: Tries Wilson (2) Hewitt. Cons: Glasgow. Pens: Glasgow (4).

Jed-Forest 9 Boroughmuir 31

Jed-Forest: Pens: McKechnie (3). **Boroughmuir:** Tries: Hall, Lnean, Douglas McCartney. Cons: McCartney, Walker (2). Pens: McCartney (2). Dropped goal: Walker.

Kelso 3 Stirling Co 18

Kelso: Pen: Flannigan. **Stirling County:** Try: Brough. Cons: MacDonald (2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Stirling Co	5	5	0	0	94	54	15
Boroughmuir	4	4	0	0	131	34	12
Jed-Forest	5	4	0	1	127	52	12
Heriot's FP	4	4	0	0	90	32	12
Edinburgh A	5	4	0	1	115	63	12
Gala	5	3	0	2	112	51	9
Melrose	5	3	0	2	70	57	9
Hawick	5	1	0	4	63	93	3
Currie	5	1	0	4	53	91	3
Glasgow H	5	1	0	4	81	122	3
Kelso	4	1	0	3	54	121	3
Edinburgh W	4	1	0	3	56	122	3
Selkirk	5	1	0	4	54	131	3
Stewart's Mel	5	0	0	5	40	117	0

Second division

Corstorphine	10	Musselburgh	15
Glasgow A	8	Ayr	25
Kilmarnock	22	Dunfermline	18
Kirkcaldy	22	Langholm	3
Preston Lodge	20	Hillhead-J'hill	7
Royal High	0	Watsonians	25
W of Scotland	10	Dundee HSFP	7

BASEBALL

Cincinnati achieve the sweep that was meant for Oakland

SIMON BARNES AT THE WORLD SERIES

Oakland

BACK in Ohio, they were just hoping the Cincinnati Reds would do well enough in the World Series to prevent "a sweep". The series takes place over seven games and when one side has won four games it is all over. Cincinnati dreaded the thought of "a sweep", the dire prospect of a series decided by four consecutive wins.

Experienced baseball watchers predicted, and all Cincinnati feared, that the World Series would be over in four. The Oakland A's were just too good. This was to be the moment when they established themselves as one of the great teams of history. They would be more than a team: they would be a die-nasty.

Well, those who predicted a sweep were correct. The World Series did end after four Games. The winning team really was ossum: as ossum in single-mindedness as any team in any sport ever has been. But the wrong team won.

It was amazing, ridiculous and splendid when Cincinnati won the first two games of the series at home. But the dynamics of giant-killing dictate that lightning strikes in the same place only once. We have all grown accustomed to this fact in FA Cup third-round replays. The plucky underdog draws at home thanks to a succession of unbelievable heroics, but once they get to Old Trafford or Highbury for the replay, it's all over.

The Cincinnati Reds went to baseball's equivalent of Anfield, the Oakland Coliseum, and they won two successive games to win the series 4-0. On Friday, they woo a hitting duel 8-3 and on Saturday they were enmired in an enthralling pitching duel and won 2-1.

It was a majestic show and I am just sorry there is not a whole lot more of it. We have had some wonderful sport here. The Reds took on a team of seamless excellence, and outdid it. They came from behind to win both the last two games. They did this by playing their best at the crucial moments of both games.

Boris Becker always serves his best when he is break point down. Jack Russell bats his finest when England are facing defeat. Gary Lineker's reputation is not based on cheap hat-tricks against small-timers: he was the man with the nerves of a burglar who scored with his second penalty of the match to take England into the World Cup semi-finals.

I have long loved the term that Americans give to such players: the players who perform better than they ever did before when the stakes are highest. These are "clutch players". In this series the clutch players were all wearing red uniforms.

Chris Sabo was the clutch player's clutch player in game three. And what an extraordinary-looking man: he plays baseball in prescription swimming goggles. He had a haircut that would be considered severe by a marine. He is, in short, and in the vernacular, a grunt.

The grunt hit two home runs in consecutive visits to the plate on Friday. Sabo is one of those lightly built, insanely competitive men. If he were a rugby player, he would be a poison-dwarf scrum half. He has spent much of his life as an ice hockey goalie: further evidence of incipient insanity is not required.

His Friday night game was a thing of demented beauty. He played third base like a man possessed, diving all over the place and getting in the way of everything. His glove was a trawling net, his arm a bazooka. His response to the world's acclaim of his heroics was as grunt-like as you could wish: "Our work's not done."

Onward, then, to Saturday. At first it seemed that the Reds' luck had run out. Their two best hitters got injured right at the start: Hatcher was hit on the hand by a pitch and Davis had a horrible diving fall in the outfield. Both went to hospital.

Oakland had squeezed a run from the first inning. After that setback, the Reds' pitcher, Jose Rijo, did not concede another hit all night. He had the kind of game people dream about: he retired 20 batters in succession.

The trouble was, his own team could not score, either. It looked for a long time as if Rijo would perform the phenomenal feat of pitching a World Series two-hitter and still lose.

The Reds looked the stronger side but could not, as it were, convert chances into goals. They were outhitting but not outscoring the A's. But at last, in the eighth of baseball's nine innings, they managed to grind out what was necessary. It took clever team play, a succession of hunts (translation: cricket's blockhole single) and it took an awful throw, charged as official error, from Jamie Quirk, the A's catcher.

Two runs were scrambled from that inning. The rest was down to pitching. Rijo continued to play a blinder, pitching eight and one third innings for one run and two hits. He was also the winning pitcher in game one and was made the series MVP, or Most Valuable Player. Why did you throw so may sliders, Jose? "They showed me they couldn't hit it."

All that was lacking on this illustrious occasion was Schottzie: this being the dog owned by the Reds' endearing and eccentric owner, Marge Schott. After she had dedicated her team's victory to "our troops in the Middle West", she said: "I know that when I get home Schottzie is going to say 'Woof, I should have been there'!"

GAME FACTS

Game Three (at Oakland)

	Runs per inning			Totals		
Cincinnati	017	000	000	8 Runs	14 Hits	1 Errors
Oakland	021	000	000	3	7	1

PITCHING: Cincinnati: Browning, Dibble (7th inning), Myers (8) and Oliver. Oakland: Moore, Sanderson (3), Klink (4), Nelson (4), Burns (8), C Young (9) and Stembach. Winning pitcher: Browning (1-0 in series). Loser: Moore, 0-1. Home runs: Cincinnati: Sabo (2). Oakland: Baines, R Henderson.

Game Four (at Oakland)

	Runs per inning			Totals		
Cincinnati	000	000	020	2 Runs	7 Hits	1 Errors
Oakland	100	000	000	1	2	1

PITCHING: Cincinnati Rijo, Myers (9) and Oliver. Oakland: Stewart and Quirk. Winning pitcher: Rijo, 2-0. Loser: Stewart, 0-2. Save: Myers. Game One: Cincinnati won 7-0. Game Two: Cincinnati won 5-4. Cincinnati win best-of-seven series, 4-0.

CRICKET

Pakistan's bowlers prove hard to handle

From QAMAR AHMED IN LAHORE

PAKISTAN are well on their way to a second successive victory over New Zealand at the Gaddafi Stadium here, in what is proving to be a one-sided Test series.

New Zealand, with seven second-innings wickets in hand, still need a further 144 runs to make Pakistan bat again, and even that may be beyond them against the rampant home fast bowlers, unless Martin Crowe, the visiting captain, can play a big innings.

Crowe, who has already batted 90 minutes for 17 runs, was supported by Danny Morrison, the nightwatchman, for the closing overs of the third day after Franklin, White and Greatbatch had gone cheaply.

Wasim Akram, Waqar Younis and Aaqib Javed, who shared 18 wickets in the first Test, which Pakistan won by an innings and 43 runs, have again posed too many problems for the New Zealand batsmen. White and Greatbatch had their stumps shattered by Younis, and Saleem Jaffer, the supporting medium-pacer, induced Franklin to edge a catch to the wicketkeeper.

"Pakistan have a better team and better fast bowlers," Crowe said during the rest day. Play resumes today.

On Saturday, Pakistan, resuming at 252 for four, added another 121 runs before declaring after tea with nine wickets down. Saleem Yousuf added 71 runs with Ijaz Ahmed for the fifth wicket and in the course of their partnership scored his thousandth Test run. The Pakistan lead was restricted by some stouthearted bowling by Watson, who sent back Ijaz Ahmed for 86 on the way to a return of six for 78, the first time he has taken five wickets or more in a Test innings.

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings 160.

Second Innings

T J Franklin c Yousuf b Jaffer	25
O J White b Younis	1
M J Greatbatch b Younis	5
*M D Crowe not out	17
D K Morrison not out	7
Extras (b 1, lb 5, nb 7)	13
Total (3 wkts)	69

K R Rutherford, Dipak Patel, O E Bradburn, †I D S Smith, C Pringle and W Watson to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-10, 2-18, 3-57.

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 9-4-15-0, Waqar Younis 10-1-25-2, Aaqib Javed 4-0-14-0, Saleem Jaffer 6-4-9-1.

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Ramiz Raja c Greatbatch b Watson	48
Shoaib Mohammad b Morrison	105
Salim Malik lbw b Watson	6
*Javed Miandad c Smith b Bradburn	43
Ijaz Ahmed c Greatbatch b Watson	86
†Saleem Yousuf c Rutherford b Pringle	33
Wasim Akram c Bradburn b Watson	1
Waqar Younis b Watson	17
Saleem Jaffer not out	10
Aaqib Javed c Crowe b Watson	7
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 12)	17
Total (9 wkts dec)	373

Abdul Qadir did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-98, 2-117, 3-192, 4-246, 5-317, 6-337, 7-342, 8-363, 9-373.

BOWLING: Morrison 29-9-103-1, Pringle 31-5-112-1, Watson 38-10-78-6, Patel 16-5-43-0, Bradburn 13-4-32-1.

Alderman right in the groove

TERRY Alderman, the Australian new ball bowler who has taken 83 wickets during the course of two Test series in England, has set his heart on showing a home audience what he can do during the forthcoming series against Graham Gooch's team.

"I've had success over there but now I'm looking forward to proving that I can bowl outside England and Western Australia," Alderman said yesterday. "The first aim, though, is trying to prepare myself to get through a whole series against England in Australia. I've only ever played one Test against them over here — and that was 1982."

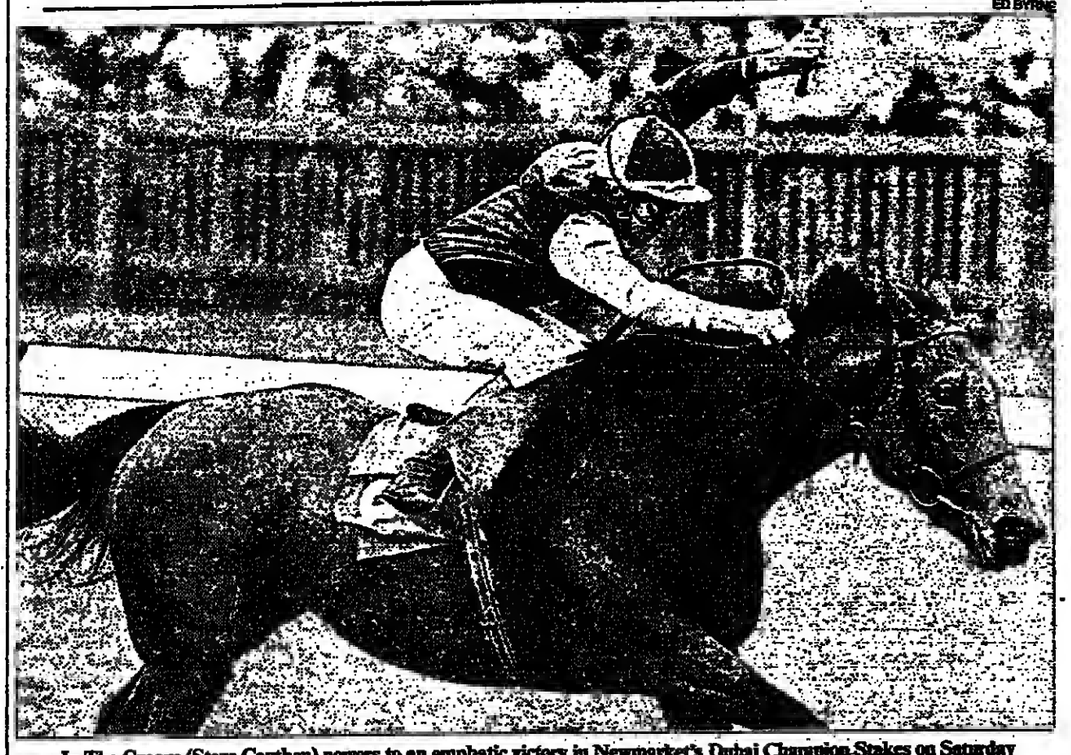
In rugby-tackling a spectator who had rushed onto the field at Perth, Alderman dislocated a shoulder so badly that he was out of action for the rest of the season.

He certainly looked fit, fresh and as accurate as ever yesterday while playing against Queensland in a limited overs match. He took two for 23 from ten overs, including a wicket with his second ball. Gooch, Alderman's "rabbit" in England in 1989, did not see him at work. England's captain was busy training, out of sight.

"I've always had good contests with Graham over the years," Alderman said. "He's hit me for a couple of hundreds in county matches at Chelmsford. I'm probably ahead on points but . . . I've got great respect for Graham and treat him like any other top batsman. I saw a couple of tapes of those innings he played against India last summer and he looked good.

"But there's going to be more to this series than Alderman v Gooch."

Desert Orchid reappearance likely to be delayed a fortnight



ED BYRNE

In The Groove (Steve Cauthen) powers to an emphatic victory in Newmarket's Dubai Champion Stakes on Saturday

Elsworth's champion touch

By MICHAEL SEELY RACING CORRESPONDENT

DESERT Orchid and Richard Dunwoody had a schooling session together at Whitsbury yesterday morning, but the continuing fine weather in the South West means that Britain's most popular racehorse is now unlikely to make his reappearance in Thursday's Terry Biddlecombe Cbase at Wincanton.

"Dessie" was at his flamboyant best," said David Elsworth yesterday, "but unless there is a dramatic change in the weather, we'll have to miss Thursday and wait for the John Bull Chase on the same course a fortnight later."

Elsworth's green-fingered and brilliant versatility has never been more in evidence than it was at Newmarket on Saturday when In The Groove became the seventh filly or mare — Triptych won in successive seasons 1986 and 87 — in the past nine years to win the Dubai Champion Stakes.

As always, the final group one event of the season for older horses was a top-class race. As Linamix and Freddie Head, who was later fined £200 for improper use of the whip on the French 2,000 Guineas winner, set sail for home at the top of the bill, the limitations of Elmaamul and Kartajana, the 13-8 favourite, were ruthlessly exposed, as Steve Cauthen succeeded in producing In The Groove's peerless acceleration

Just for the record, the powerful In The Groove has now won four of her nine starts this season, including the Irish 1,000 Guineas and the Juddmonte International Stakes. The fact that she has retained her form is as much a tribute to her own iron constitution as it is to her trainer's talents.

The pundits have been inclined to dismiss the filly from calculations, as she had only finished ninth of 21 behind Saumarez in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "I didn't think she ran too badly and didn't have too hard a race," said Elsworth."

Although In The Groove appeared to stay 1½ miles when finishing a close third to Salsabil in the Prix Vermeille, the filly's remarkable ability to quicken will probably always be seen at its most effective over ten furlongs and it is exciting to hear that she will be in training again in 1991.

If the invisible clock in Steve Cauthen's head has never worked better than in the immaculate timing he displayed in the Champion Stakes, it must surely have been an error of judgement to have kicked for home well before passing the Bushes on Further Flight under 9st 11lb in the Tote Cesarewitch.

As Trainglot eventually won by six lengths, the tactics may not have made the difference between victory and defeat. But in the event, the race was set up for Trainglot's stamina and light weight to land the other gamble of the race.

"I didn't give Willie Carson any instructions," said Jimmy Fitzgerald. "All he said to me was: "You have to ride this race differently from any other in the calendar. You can wait as long as you like, as they always come back to you."

With the weekend behind us, the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster next Saturday is the only group one race left to be run in Britain this season. Mujaazif and Shamshir, the winners of the Royal Lodge Stakes and Brent Walker Fillies' Mile on Festival Of Britain Day at Ascot, for Michael Stoute and Luca Cumani respectively, will only be sent to the Town Moor if the ground is not too testing.

However, Henry Cecil intends to attempt to win the trophy for the eighth time with Peter Davies, the form of whose Houghton meeting win was made to look better when Bog Trotter ran Generous to three-quarters of a length in the Dewhurst.

Other news from Cecil is that Belmez is to miss the Breeders' Cup at Belmont Park the same afternoon. "He took some time to get over the Arc and the Breeders' Cup has come too soon. If he runs again this year, it will be in the Japan Cup in Tokyo."

The only previous British success in the Breeders' Cup series was when Pebbles won the Breeders' Cup Turf at Aqueduct in 1985. But today the largest contingent ever to fly from this country depart from Stansted to John F Kennedy Airport, and another planeload will follow on Wednesday.

Dayjur will be on his way today for his attempt to win the Breeders' Cup Sprint. "He has been working very well," said Dick Hern yesterday, "but I haven't given him any special preparation. We will just have to see if he can handle the bends. After all, he will be working around them before the race."

Perhaps the strongest challenge, as usual, will be for the Breeders' Cup Mile. From this country go Distant Relative, Green Line Express and Markofdistinction.

What a remarkable achievement it would be if Lester Piggott could celebrate his return to the saddle at the age of 54 by winning the Mile on Royal Academy, the winner of the July Cup and, more recently, runner-up to Dayjur at Haydock. Royal Academy showed his ability to stay a mile when finishing second to Tirol in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. "He's got bags of speed. He's tremendously well and is a relatively fresh horse," said Charles O'Brien yesterday. "I reckon he's tailor-made for Lester. He's his kind of horse."

● Jack Holt yesterday dismissed rumours that Argentum was the fourth horse this summer to be doped when finishing fourth to Dayjur in the Nunthorpe Stakes at York. "Argentum ran too freely on the way to the start. But I am sure he wasn't got at, as he still managed to break the track record."

HOCKEY

Hounslow in debt to Purvis

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

Bromley	0
Hounslow	2

HOUNSLOW had to push their workrate up to suppress the challenge of Bromley in a fast and exciting Poundstretcher National League first division match at the Edenbridge Leisure Centre yesterday.

As champions, Hounslow looked more polished in all departments of play, but Bromley's ability to accelerate at short notice raised a few alarms. Panic might easily have set in if Purvis, in the Hounslow goal, had not been at his best.

It was disappointing for Bromley that their efforts to restore their own fortunes were twice thwarted. Almost on half-time, a rising shot by Cross was brilliantly saved, which meant that Bromley went into the interval a goal behind. The second half was only five minutes old when Purvis rushed out to deflect a shot by Hunnisett with the Hounslow defence well spread out.

Robert Thompson scored both goals for Hounslow, but was indebted to Hazlitt who made the initial run in both cases. After Hounslow's first two short corners had proved unproductive, Hazlin set out on his own in the fifth minute and drove the ball to Thompson who deflected it into goal.

After Rees had shot wide from Hounslow's third short corner, his centre from the left caused confusion in the Bromley defence which was rescued by Hamilton with a clearance from near the line. There followed a solo run by Robert Thompson, whose final pass just eluded the lunging stick of Gordon.

Bromley seemed to have overcome their early frustration with a sustained attack in the second half, forcing a short corner from which Purvis saved well from Richards.

But in the 47th minute the fate of the match was sealed, with Hounslow scoring their second goal. Hazlitt covered much ground to bring both Andrew Thompson and Ferns into combined action, the ball eventually drifting to Robert Thompson, who scored.

BROMLEY: C Winter; D Willis, M Richards, J Gurney, G Barnett, T Hamilton, M Cross, M Hunnisett (sub: A Holmes), N Berry, R Blisland, J Henderson.

HOUNSLOW: R Purvis; P Bolland, J Potter, M Williamson, O Hacker, S Hazlitt, N Gordon, O Mackney (sub: A Thompson), R Thompson, A Ferns, J Rees.

Umpires: D Collier (Southern Counties) and A Watson (Eastern Counties).

Hill makes it easy for Havant

HAVANT and Slough joined Hounslow in keeping their records intact with victories yesterday in the Poundstretcher National League: but Old Loughtonians and East Grinstead tasted defeat (Sydney Friskin writes).

Southgate survived a testing time by defeating East Grinstead 1-0 with a goal by Kerly in the seventeenth minute from a short corner at Ardingly College.

Havant had a more comfortable 5-2 away win over Welton, who scored through Moat and Stamp. For Havant, Hill scored three goals and Williams two.

Slough, who defeated Old Loughtonians 2-1 at Chigwell, took a 2-0 lead within five minutes with goals by Barber, from a short corner, and Nicholls; Nick Thomspon replying in the 67th minute.

St Albans came back into the reckoning with a convincing 5-2 win over Wakefield. Three goals by Halliday and one each by Wisher and De Groot established a 5-0 lead.

Stourport and Isca atoned for defeats last week by beating Neston and Cannock respectively. In the one first division match on Saturday, between Teddington and Indian Gymkhana, six goals were shared, with Kulbir Bhaura scoring all three for Gymkhana.

In the second division, Trojans beat Broxbourne 3-0 with goals by Archer, Martin Aspin and Tubbs. Richmond, too, maintained a winning sequence, beating Guildford 2-1.

Cambridge city beat Canterbury 1-0 and Firebrands also won 1-0, against Doncaster.

Britain's winning run comes to end

THE bubble finally burst for Great Britain over the weekend when they were beaten by New Zealand and Australia in a four nations round robin tournament in Wellington (Alix Ramsay writes).

Until Saturday, Britain had won all of their five matches, including two against New Zealand, and had been scoring goals with ease. But the international arena is a different matter.

For the game against New Zealand, Jackie Burns made a recovery from a virus that kept her off the training pitch last week.

New Zealand wasted no time in taking the lead on Saturday, scoring the only goal of the match after five minutes when Tina Belt converted a scrambled penalty corner.

Britain created chances in both halves, but were unable to make the most of them and lost control of the midfield. Meanwhile, Burns injured her ankle before half-time and was replaced by Pauline Lyon.

That injury led to some reshuffling for yesterday's match against Australia. Mandy Pickles came in at right defence with Marjorie Coutts moving to left defence and Lisa Bayliss to centre, while Joanne Menown was preferred to Samantha Wright.

It was a better performance from Great Britain as they matched Australia for the first half. Twice, Mary Neville went close to putting Britain ahead, while Jane Sixsmith just failed to convert a Karen Brown cross.

In the second half, Australia forced nine penalty corners in 12 minutes. Between them, Val Hallam and Mary Neville repelled most, but were unable to stop Liane Tooth and Lee Capes scoring from the set-plays to give Australia a 2-0 victory.

With Australia beating Spain 3-1 on Saturday and Spain defeating New Zealand 2-1 yesterday, Britain were bottom of the table. Their chance to salvage pride will come today when they play Spain.

GREAT BRITAIN (v New Zealand): H Morgan (Wales); M Coutts (Scot), K Brown (Eng), M Neville (Eng), L Bayliss (Eng), W Fraser (Scot), L Watkin (Wales), J Sixsmith (Eng), A Ramsay (Scot), J Burns (Ire; sub: P Lyon, Scot), S Wright (Eng; sub: J Menown, Ire).

GREAT BRITAIN (v Australia): V Hallam (Eng); L Bayliss, K Brown, M Coutts, W Fraser, J Menown (sub: S Wright), M Neville, M Pickles (Eng; sub: P Lyon), A Ramsay, J Sixsmith, L Watkin.

A tired Paulus makes it easy for Fernandez

Filderstadt

MARY Joe Fernandez, who won her first title only last month, yesterday added the Porsche grand prix as she defeated Barbara Paulus, 6-1, 6-3 (Barry Wood writes). She accepted a new car, instead of $70,000, to replace the one she already owns in Miami.

The match was a disappointment, with the competitive spirit of Paulus spent in overcoming Zina Garrison and Gabriela Sabatini in the previous rounds. Paulus, who had the chance of entering the top ten for the first time had she won, lacked conviction in many of her shots, and for much of the 67-minute encounter showed only a pale imitation of her usual skills.

Lengthy baseline rallies made it rather tedious clay court tennis, though Paulus's errors mercifully prevented a three-hour marathon.

Fernandez was rarely tested, except when up a set and 5-1. Then, Paulus struck the ball with more conviction and attacked with some style. But for the most part she struggled to keep the ball in court.

ATHLETICS

Work puts Manners on winning road again

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IN AS close a finish as a AAA championship could wish for, Ian Manners won the national 10 kilometres road title in Southend yesterday. His success, from a group of 12 athletes bunched together with only one kilometre to go, was a reminder of Sod's Law.

Six months ago, Manners, a Highgate Harrier, aged 26, left his employment as a BBC engineer to give his full attention to his sport. "I quit the job but my athletics got worse," he said. Now he is back in work, as an insurance clerk in Bristol, and his athletics is on the way up again.

Having run only one 10-kilometre race before this year, Manners has now won his second and third. Last weekend he triumphed in Cardiff in 29min 26sec; this weekend was slower, 30min 10sec, but on a course which had the competitors running into a vicious head wind over the return half along the sea front.

Coming onto the track in Southchurch Park for the last 250 metres, there were still seven runners in contention. Rob Denmark, a 3min 55sec miler this summer, the race favourite and the one athlete Manners thought might outsprint him, was out of it.

Manners, first into the park, needed to hold form well to the line.

His victory will help convince him of the wisdom of his decision to move up to 5,000 metres next summer. "I thought I would do sub-3:40 for 1500 metres this year but I ended up with 3:44," Manners said. "I am trying to find an event I can succeed at and this is the start of my build-up to 5,000 metres."

Graham Davison, of Norfolk Olympiads, came within a second of Manners, having left his run too late. "Coming onto the track I was eighth — I knew I had a sprint finish but I left it too late," Davison said. Aged 30, he is a relative newcomer, having abandoned semi-professional football at 24 to develop at athletics.

RESULT: 1, I Manners (Highgate), 30min 10sec; 2, G Davison (Norfolk Olympiads), 30:11; 3, G Gerrard (Wigan Phoenix), 30:11.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

FOOTBALL

Barclay's League Second division

Port Vale v West Bromwich

Third division

Tranmere v Mansfield

Fourth division

Stockport v Blackpool

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Crystal Palace v Brighton.

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round replay: Emley v Ferryhill Ath.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Redbridge Forest v Dagenham.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: First division: Curzon Ashton v Congleton; Rossendale v Winsford.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Mangotsfield v Walton.

OTHER SPORT

SPEEDWAY: Finale meeting (Reading, 7.30).

TENNIS: Midland Bank championship (Brighton).

BOXING: Screensport 10.00-11.30 and 20.00-21.30: Professional events from the United States. Eurosport 22.00-23.00. BSB 22.30-23.30: Superbouts.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 17.30-19.00: Highlights of the three-day event from Blenheim.

EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 19.30-20.00 and 00.30-01.00.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 19.30-20.00: Spanish league. BSB 13.30-15.30, 20.00-22.00 and 00.30-02.30: Scottish and Italian leagues.

MOTORCYCLING: Eurosport 12.00-14.00: Highlights of the Japanese grand prix.

MOTOR SPORT: Screensport 15.00-17.00 and 22.30-23.30: Truck racing from Jarama, F3000 from Nogaro, and rallycross from Germany.

POLO: Screensport 11.30-12.30: Highlights of the Duca D'Aosta Challenge.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 07.00-08.00.

RACING: BSB 23.30-midnight: Racing news.

ROWING: Eurosport 17.00-17.30: Preview to the world championships from Lake Barrington, Tasmania.

RUGBY LEAGUE: BSB 15.30-17.00: Tour match. Highlights of Leeds v Australia.

SNOOKER: Eurosport 14.00-15.00 and 21.00-22.00: Highlights of the European championships from Lyon, and world championships.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 13.25, 18.00, 19.30, 22.00 and midnight.

SPORTSWORLD EXTRA: ITV 00.25-01.25 (tomorrow). Boxing.

SURFING: Eurosport 19.00-19.30: Surfer magazine.

TENNIS: Screensport 23.30-01.00: Highlights of the Dupont All American championship.

WEIGHTLIFTING: Eurosport 08.30-09.30: Highlights of the European championships.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 13.00-14.00: Highlights of Hamburg v The Hague. Eurosport 23.00-00.30: College match: Highlights of UCLA v Arizona. ITV 04.00-05.00 (tomorrow): College match.

BASEBALL: Screensport 17.00-19.30: Highlights of the World Series. Eurosport 20.00-21.00.

BOXING

Only tigers shining bright

From SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT, LAS VEGAS

RETURNING to Las Vegas for a world title bout without Mike Tyson taking part in it is like coming back to a city you once knew well after a long absence. It looks the same but feels different.

In the city of changing shows, changing lights and changing fortunes, Tyson seemed to have the permanence of the white tigers of Siegfried and Roy, the illusionists.

If he had not done his trick of changing from a tiger into a pussycat and losing his title to Douglas in the tenth round in Tokyo, things might have had a more familiar look today.

Perhaps this gambling city is still trying to regain its composure after refusing to take bets on the world heavyweight championship between Tyson and James "Buster" Douglas in Japan, so ridiculous were the challenger's chances.

The more likely reason, however, is that the bout between Douglas and Evander Holyfield, of Atlanta, has not caught the imagination of the public. It may have a little to do with the World Series that finished yesterday and a lot to do with the Mirage Hotel's failure to capitalise on Douglas's victory because of a prolonged and boring court case between the hotel's owner, Steve Wynn, and Don King, who had a promotional contract with Douglas.

To lift the championship out of its depressed state, Wynn has dubbed it "The Moment of Truth", declaring: "It's going to be the moment of truth and the truth is going to hurt."

But Wynn could be the one to feel the blows more than the men in the ring. He may find himself making a loss of $10 million, even $18 million.

To win the right to promote the contest, Wynn gave Douglas a record purse for any sportsman, of $24 million, and Holyfield $8 million. He needs a further $8 million to promote the show and $7 million to compensate King ($5 million) and Donald Trump ($2 million), taking his outlay to $47 million.

It is a sum that cannot be recouped, some say. Wynn disagrees, but says any loss would be worth it. The casino owner hopes to make $20 million from a million pay-to-view homes, $18 million from gate money and $3 million from foreign television, which would take his receipts to $41 million. An expected gambling "drop" of $18 million would put him back in the black.

"If you want to pump up a casino," Wynn says, "the way to do it is with a heavyweight fight." He may be right, but until Tyson returns he may have to depend on his white tigers rather than the fighters.

● The three world governing bodies have ordered the winner to defend against Tyson.

SWIMMING

Jones adds a third record to her bounty

DEBBIE Jones broke her third Welsh record of the weekend to win the 400 metres freestyle at the Monk international meeting in Dunfermline, the first leg of the 1990-91 British grand prix, last night (Craig Lord writes).

Jones, aged 16, from the City of Chester club, broke the record by 0.38sec in 4min 19.32sec.

Julia Landik, the Soviet breaststroke champion, used her specialist stroke to great effect in the 100 metres individual medley. Turning second to Sharron Davies, of Bracknell, at the halfway stage, Landik passed the Briton on the third leg and held on to win by 0.10sec.

In the men's 100 metres medley, Ron Dekker, the Dutch champion, held off a challenge from Alexander Savizkij, the fast-improving Soviet, and Mike Fibbens, of Barnet Copthall, to win in 57.07sec.

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YACHTING

Gautier advantage hits trouble on calm water

THE leadership of the BOC single-handed round the world race was in the balance last night after Alain Gautier and his French yacht, Generali Concorde, ran into calms, allowing his three closest rivals to close the gap during the final stage of this first leg to Cape Town (Barry Pickthall writes).

Gautier's fellow Frenchmen, Christophe Auguin and Philippe Jeantot, were each making more than ten knots as they rode a cold weather front towards the finish 115 miles behind Generali Concorde. Gautier was not expected to pick up these stronger winds until today, promising a close finish off the Cape tomorrow.

In the smaller classes, Jack Boye, of the United States, who has led Class 2 for a fortnight, saw his lead over the Frenchman, Yves Dupasquier, and Don McIntyre, from Australia, halve over the weekend, and Britain's first-placed Josh Hall, has also closed the gap to within 226 miles.

In the Corinthian class, John Davie, from Brighton, who has led almost continually since the race began from Newport, Rhode Island, five weeks ago, has Paul Thackaberry's United States entry, Volcano, just 52 miles astern. Last week the gap was nearer 150 miles.

Leading positions (at 10.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): Class 1: 1, Generali Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 449 miles; 2, Groupe Scera (C Auguin, Fr), 558; 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 568; 4, Allied Bank (J Martin, SA), 581; 5, Duracell (M Plant, US), 847; 6, Jenken (K Birtles, Aus), 863; 7, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 1,500; 8, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 1,087; 9, Grinaker (B Reed, SA), 1,200; 10, BBV Expo '92 (J Ugarte, Sp), 1290; 11, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 1,378.

Class 2: 1, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 1,982 miles; 2, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr), 2,167; 3, Sponsor Wanted (D McIntyre, Aus), 2175; 4, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 2,211; 5, Koden (Y Tada, Japan), 2,282; 6, Sebago (H Roth, US), 2,232; 7, Tilley Endurable (J Weber, Can), 3,820.

Corinthian Class: 1, Global Exposure (R Daly, GB), 2,661; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 2,712; 3, Nihau 4 (R Hooke, US), 3,260; 4, Shutendoji (M Saito, Japan), 3,296.

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Walim can confirm Sandown promise

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

THE Horris Hill Stakes, run at Newbury on Thursday, and the *Racing Post* Trophy, which is the feature at Doncaster two days later, are the last remaining accepted classic trials for two-year-olds this season.

But that does not mean good horses will not be seen elsewhere. Take the corresponding meeting at Nottingham 12 months ago for instance. The two divisions of the Woodborough Maiden Stakes were won by colts of the calibre of Rock Hopper and Blue Stag.

While the former was at one time the ante-post favourite for the Derby following his victory in the trial at Lingfield, the latter actually finished second in the Epsom classic and when he won at Nottingham last year, Blue Stag beat Snurge, the hero of this year's St Leger.

Time alone will tell whether the fields for today's two divisions contain horses with similar potential. If there is one, it is surely Walim, who is my selection to win the second division.

A fine big, imposing son of the 1970 triple crown winner Nijinsky, Walim looks certain to cope with today's distance of ten furlongs after running on strongly in second place at Sandown behind the subsequent Royal Lodge Stakes runner-up Jahafil.

For Walter Swinburn, Walim could easily be the first leg of a double, to be completed half an hour later by Chipaya winning the Westborough Fillies' Nursery.

Before she won a similar race over today's course and distance four weeks ago, Chipaya was back down to 12-1 from 20-1. At no stage did she look like letting down those who had availed themselves of those palatable odds. Previously, Chipaya had reared up in the stalls and taken no part in what should have been her third and qualifying race for a nursery.

Consequently, she has not been harshly treated by the handicapper and she should give her young and talented first-season trainer James Fanshawe a taste of success. She is my nap to beat Negeen.

Early in the programme, Swinburn will be on Wretham House in the first division of the Woodborough Maiden, but here I prefer the ultra-consistent Matahif, with Willie Carson in the saddle.

When he finished third in a valuable nursery at Ascot 10 days ago, Matahif was not only staying on strongly at the finish but also trying to give 9lb to the winner Desert Splendour, who has won a similar race at Newmarket in the meantime under a penalty.

As far as the Flawborough Stakes is concerned, although Adamik has been most consistent, I just prefer his owner Sheikh Mohammed's other runner, Kates Cabin, who gave the impression that she would relish today's step up in distance after finishing strongly in that mile listed race at Ascot earlier this month won by Fire The Groom.

Morley Street leads fine British double

BRITISH jumpers completed a notable double at Belmont this weekend with Bokaro and Morley Street triumphant in their respective races.

On Friday in the Queen Mother Supreme Hurdle, Bokaro, trained by Charlie Brooks and ridden by Peter Scudamore, collected a £37,267 prize when outclassing 14 rivals.

Scudamore let Bokaro, sent off the 4.2-1 third favourite, take the lead three fences from home and the pair strode away to win by 14½ lengths from the local horse Hurricane John.

Richard Dunwoody and Ninja finished fifth, but were disqualified and placed seventh, while Rare Holiday, Dermot Weld's Irish challenger, disappointed in tenth place.

The following evening, it was the turn of Toby Balding's Morley Street to take the accolades in the £77,640 Breeders' Cup Chase.

Jimmy Frost's aggressive tactics paid off and Morley Street, the 2-1 favourite, beat Summer Colony by 11 lengths with Richard Dunwoody and Moonstruck a further three lengths back in third.

Again there was no joy for the Irish as both Kiichi, seventh and Grabel, tenth, failed to run up to expectations.

Bokaro will now return to Lambourn where he will be aimed at the two British legs of the Sports Of Kings Challenge, at Cheltenham and Chepstow, while Morley Street will continue his chasing career with his main target the Mumm Cordon Rouge triple crown.

Piggott at Curragh for O'Brien

LESTER Piggott has four booked rides for Vincent O'Brien at the Curragh tomorrow (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). O'Brien's son, Charles, confirmed the renewal of a highly successful alliance after juvenile newcomer Classic Venture had made a winning debut in the Kinneagh Maiden at the Curragh on Saturday.

David Morley missed seeing his much-travelled five-year-old mare Sesame give him a first Irish winner in the group two EBF Blandford Stakes, choosing instead to visit Catterick Bridge. Gary Hind sent Sesame into the lead from the start and held off Topanoora and Mr Pintips with Dolpour fourth.

Bean King, who finished in front of the Cesarewitch winner Trainglot at York, had a rough passage when only fourth to Les Dancelles in the Ir£15,000 EBF Giolla Mear Race.

● Pirate Army and Michael Kinane finished fifth behind Passing Sale in the Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp yesterday.

● Peter Walwyn's filly Tadwin (Geoff Baxter) finished fourth behind the German-trained Fabulous Eden in the group three Premio Omenoni 15f) at San Siro, Milan, on Saturday.

Timeless Times is last

TIMELESS Times trailed in last behind the French-trained River Traffic in the £111,801 Laurel Futurity at the Maryland course on Saturday night.

Bill O'Gorman's two-year-old was always being scrubbed along by Alan Munro and, although he was in third place as the field ran along the back stretch, Timeless Times beat a hasty retreat.

River Traffic (Cash Asmussen) came with a strong late run to beat Fourstars Allstar by a neck.

It looks as if Timeless Times's remarkable season has now come to an end and he will have to be content with a share of the record of 16 victories in a juvenile season, held with Provideo and The Bard, though O'Gorman has not yet fully ruled out another outing.

FAKENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.0 Solitary Reaper. 2.30 Tiber River. 3.0 Black Amber. 3.30 Striding Edge. 4.0 Bodge. 4.30 The Argonaut.

Going: good (chase course); good with good to firm patches (hurdles)

2.0 WALSINGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,057: 2m 80yd) (11 runners)

1	1-43	POLDER 12 (D,BF,F) D Williams 4-11-10	B Powell
2	U216	SOLITARY REAPER 9 (D,F) C Beever 5-11-10	C Bradley
3	/5-0	BEAULIEU BAY 10 (V,D,G) K Wingrove 6-11-6	N Davies
4	1022	THE GANNOCHY 23 (B,D,F) L Wordingham 4-11-4	D Bridgwater (7)
5	31R0	LORD PERGRINE 13 (D,F) F Jordan 8-10-11	J Lodder (3)
6	-244	VIGANO 12 J Jenkins 4-10-8	R Dunwoody
7	4536	FINGERS CROSSED 20 (V,D,F,S) K Ryan 6-10-5	M Brennan
8	3P5P	RUNCIBLE CAT 12 (B) B McMath 4-10-4	A Carroll
9	-443	EVENING SUNSET 21 (V) Miss G Rees 4-10-2	W Worthington
10	2653	DECIDING BID 12 J Long 4-10-0	R Rowell
11	-640	MY REEF 20 J Bostock 5-10-0	B McNeill

11-4 Vigano, 100-30 Solitary Reaper, 4-1 Polder, 8-1 The Gannochy, 8-1 Lord Pergrine, 10-1 others.

2.30 FISHER & SONS (FAKENHAM) LTD HURDLE (Amateurs: £2,075: 2m 5f 110yd) (11)

1	26F0	BALLYWEST 23 (F) K Wingrove 12-12-3	R Hambleton (7)
2	0/63	MCGILLICUDDY 10 (S) J Dooler 10-12-0	G Pritchard (7)
3	1112	NORTHUMBRIAN KING 17 (D,BF,F,G) C Thornton 4-12-0	D Swiers (3)
4	040/	RODGER DELL 1000 (F,S) B McMath 10-11-10	G Plenderleith (7)
5	013-	TIBER RIVER 142 (B,C,G) C Brooks 6-11-13	G Oxley (7)
6	1223	SANDFORD SAINT 11 (BF,F,G) K Bailey 4-11-11	G Cosgrove (7)
7	4FR-	FINAL ALMA 174 (F,S) P Mitchell 7-11-10	R Teal (7)
8	-1F1	GEE-A 19 (D,F,G,S) F Murphy 11-11-10	C Burnett Wells (7)
9	P1-0	TANG 12 (D,F) A Moore 5-11-8	A Hickman (7)
10	PU0-	YOUNG FOOL 271 C Smith 6-11-5	M Ranger (7)
11	5523	NEEDWOOD IMP 6 D Williams 4-11-2	L Neate (7)

13-8 Tiber River, 100-30 Northumbrian King, 7-2 Gee-A, 5-1 Sandford Saint, 12-1 others.

3.0 WATTON NOVICES CHASE (£2,112: 2m) (5)

1	2F-1	PALMERSTON BOY 12 (F,S) A Moore 7-11-12	C Moore
2	-220	BLACK AMBER 18 (BF) N Henderson 6-11-2	R Dunwoody
3	522-	ROSCOE THE BRAVE 145 (F,S) S Kettlewell 6-11-2	R Garritty
4	542-	STAR MAESTRO 364 D Brennan 8-11-2	M Brennan
5	-P12	TOUCH OF SPEED 0 (D,F) D Williams 6-11-2	B Powell

4-5 Black Amber, 9-2 Roscoe The Brave, 5-1 Palmerston Boy, 10-1 Touch Of Speed, 16-1 Star Maestro.

3.30 MICHAEL SCOTNEY (TURF ACCOUNTANT) HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,343: 2m 80yd) (4)

1	261-	JOE BUMPAS 95F (D,F,S) Miss G Rees 4-11-10	W Worthington
2	1121	STRIDING EDGE 13 (D,F) J Jenkins 5-10-12	R Dunwoody
3	PF22	TIGERS PET 12 (CD,F,G) W Bissill 8-10-3	M Brennan
4	023-	FEASIBLE 290 (D,G) S Avery 6-10-0	J Callaghan (3)

6-5 Joe Bumpas, 2-1 Striding Edge, 9-2 Tigers Pet.

4.0 EASTERN DAILY PRESS NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m 80yd) (14)

1	210	ALICANTE 21 (D,F) P Blockley 11-0	S Keightley
2		BELL TURRET 21 Campbell 10-10	R Campbell
3		BULLACE 106F K Morgan 10-10	N Dawes
4	P1	BODGE 35 (D,F) O Pritchard-Gordon 10-9	S Smith Eccles
5		CORNWALL PRINCE 170F N Callaghan 10-7	—
6	P	LOMBOK 8 Miss G Rees 10-7	W Worthington
7		RASHEED 18F N Callaghan 10-7	D Murphy
8		SCARLET EXPRESS 28F P Kelleway 10-7	J A Harris
9		WALKERWAY BOY 75F A Bailey 10-7	A Carroll
10		FENAMICA 13F M Ryan 10-2	J McLaughlin
11		FIRE GOLD 11F W Perrin 10-2	S Curran (7)
12	65F	GLEBELANDS GIRL 7 (BF) R Bennett 10-2	L O'Hare (7)
13		MUSCADINE 27F J Ringer 10-2	O McNeill
14		ZANOBA 93F F Durr 10-2	—

15-8 Bodge, 4-1 Bullace, 5-1 Rasheed, 7-1 others.

4.30 DEREHAM HANDICAP CHASE (£2,957: 3m)

1	1F1-	THE ARGONAUT 147 (C,D,F,G,S) Mrs F Walwyn 12-12-0	Mr G Oxley
2	2-31	ALAOUI 9 (C,D,F,G,S) D Williams 8-11-6	B Powell
3	214-	CROWECOPPER 172 (D,BF,F,G,S) B Preece 11-11-2	A Juckes (7)
4	-612	WISE CRACKER 21 (B,F,G,S) B Richmond 6-10-0	W Irvine

11-8 The Argonaut, 11-4 Crowecopper, 4-1 Alaoui.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: O Pritchard-Gordon, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; B McMath, 3 from 9, 33.3%; A Bailey, 4 from 13, 30.8%; C Brooks, 4 from 13, 30.8%; P Mitchell, 13 from 45, 28.9%; N Henderson, 3 from 11, 27.3%.

JOCKEYS: C Bradley, 3 winners from 8 rides, 37.5%; B Smith Eccles, 9 from 26, 34.6%; A Carroll, 12 from 45, 26.7%; R Dunwoody, 5 from 24, 20.8%; G Murphy, 3 from 16, 18.8%; R Campbell, 3 from 22, 13.6%.

Blinkered first time

FOLKESTONE: 4.45 Petivara, Triomphe Modest. NOTTINGHAM: 2.30 Court Equerry.

Flat leaders

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
J Berry	125	138	87	0	-141.40
B Hills	104	104	65	1	-66.55
H Cecil	103	70	48	0	-10.20
L Cumani	99	55	53	1	+16.22
J Dunlop	77	58	37	3	-34.92
J Gosden	72	29	41	3	+3.79
M Stoute	70	70	65	0	-132.19
R Hannon	67	70	63	1	-125.89
G Harwood	68	55	48	0	-17.38
M H Easterby	58	54	62	9	-220.56
T Barron	49	48	30	0	-40.09

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stake
Pat Eddery	199	129	89	0	-40.86
W Carson	177	123	102	1	-70.78
L Dettori	134	80	70	4	+41.59
S Cauthen	131	77	70	4	-1.59
M Roberts	123	102	112	6	-49.06
R Cochrane	100	86	90	0	-46.83
W R Swinburn	97	112	102	2	-169.82
A Munro	92	56	56	11	-10.98
T Quinn	84	86	71	4	-6.92
G McKeown	80	84	91	18	-230.84
K Darley	78	77	68	2	-126.23

Saturday's results

Newmarket

1.55 1, Rio Piedras (8-1); 2, Polonez Prima (15-2); 3, Postage Stamp (7-1). Plaronique 3-1 fav. 11 ran.

2.35 1, In The Groove (9-2); 2, Linamix (14-1); 3, Legal Case (6-1). Karajana 13-8 fav. 10 ran.

3.05 1, Junk Bond (4-1); 2, Duc De Berry (20-1); 3, Tetraconna (33-1). Saddlers' Hall 11-10 fav. 11 ran.

3.45 1, Trainglot (13-2); 2, Further Flight (9-2 fav); 3, Clifton Chapel (20-1); 4, Regal Reform (15-1). 25 ran. NR: Private Audition.

4.20 1, Reference Light (12-1); 2, Bertie Wooster (8-1); 3, Attaas (16-1); 4, Joe Sugden (12-1). Choir Practice 9-2 fav. 17 ran. NR: Grand Prix.

4.50 1, Ra's (2-1 fav); 2, Dancing Music (20-1); 3, Tod (6-1). 15 ran.

5.25 1, Young Jazz (20-1); 2, Dashing Senor (9-1); 3, Hawwam (12-1); 4, Grey Owl (5-1 fav). 29 ran. NR: Well Furnished.

Kempton Park

2.10 1, Kaleidos (8-1); 2, Runway Romance (4-11 fav); 3, Hinton Mariner (12-1). 11 ran.

2.50 1, Dearness Spook (15-8 fav); 2, Toad Along (11-4); 3, Try Me Now (5-1). 8 ran.

3.25 1, Aldino (5-2); 2, Stage Player (13-2); 3, Polar Vision (80-1). Kalishan 1-2 fav. 4 ran. NR: Decided.

4.0 1, Karakter Reference (25-1); 2, Imadyna (6-4 fav); 3, Uncle Merlin (4-1). 8 ran. NR: Assagiawi.

4.30 1, Buckfast Abbey (10-11 fav); 2, Sonar (7-2). 3 ran (Only two finished). NR: Knockbrack.

5.0 1, Homme D'Affaire (14-1); 2, Reggae Beat (85-40 fav); 3, Indian Baba (11-4). 9 ran.

Catterick Bridge

1.30 1, Stairway To Heaven (13-8 fav); 2, Something Quick (10-1); 3, Lean'n Mean (12-1). 20 ran.

2.0 1, Rawaabe (6-1); 2, Parlos (6-1); 3, Serious Hurry (13-8 fav). 15 ran.

2.30 1, Alert (9-2); 2, Acnelous (5-1); 3, Llangovery (5-2 fav). 14 ran.

3.0 1, Tongadin (12-1); 2, Innerglow (7-1); 3, Bywell Lad (33-1); 4, Path Of Condie (10-1); 4, Needwood Sprite (16-1). Burgoyne, Louisana Gold, Noble Fellow 5-1 jt-fav. 18 ran. NR: Nicholas Mark.

3.35 1, Fabricious (9-11 fav); 2, Bold Spark (7-1); 3, Orchanda (15-1). 18 ran. NR: Social Two.

4.10 1, Sookera (16-1); 2, Eurobiake (12-1); 3, Lurking (10-1); 4, Persooy (8-1). Sandmoor Jacquard 4-1 fav. 19 ran. NR: Executive Lady.

4.40 1, Sizzling Saga (6-1); 2, Maraatib (5-6 fav); 3, Wolf Hall (8-4). 4 ran. NR: Sacque.

5.10 1, Hold Court (9-2); 2, Banno (8-10 fav); 3, Grey Record (9-1). 5 ran.

Stratford

2.15 1, Rag Time Belle (11-2); 2, Nicolaiu (16-1); 3, Easter Lass (50-1). Tap Dancing 4-1 fav. 16 ran.

2.45 1, Murphy (4-5 fav); 2, Valrodian (5-1); 3, Disneyland (5-2). 5 ran.

3.15 1, Desert Palm (8-1); 2, Royal Hunt (18-1); 3, Pharaoh Blue (4-7 fav). 10 ran.

3.45 1, New Halen (5-1); 2, Assaglawi (4-6 fav); 3, Romany King (5-2). 3 ran.

4.15 1, Olveston (4-1); 2, Papajoso (9-2); 3, Without A Doubt (14-1). Shu Fly 5-2 fav. 13 ran.

4.45 1, Royal Battery (Evens fav); 2, Tryumphant Lad (16-1); 3, Laura's Star (20-1). 11 ran.

5.15 1, Skeleter (20-1); 2, Ardcroney Chief (12-1); 3, Salamander Joe (10-1). Ashfield Boy, Castlenchardking 7-2 jt-favs. 16 ran. NR: Ben.

Kelso

2.0 1, Breaking Dawn (5-2); 2, Lupy Minstrel (11-10 fav); 3, Flaxon Worrior (20-1). 10 ran.

2.30 1, Moment Of Truth (2-1 fav); 2, Acnitibule (16-1); 3, Majestic Ride (16-1). 8 ran.

3.0 1, Home To Roost (7-1); 2, Galway Gal (5-4 fav); 3, Great Law (9-4). 6 ran.

3.30 1, Prince Metternich (6-1); 2, Tasar (4-5 fav); 3, Tartan Trademark (2-1). 5 ran.

4.0 1, Integrity Boy (11-4); 2, Empiricist (13-2); 3, Donna Lorenza (85-40 fav). 8 ran.

4.30 1, Lothian Captain (11-8 fav); 2, Dancing Days (5-2); 3, Brave Ruler (20-1). 10 ran.

Southwell

2.15 1, Occamist (3-1 fav); 2, Mixed Blessing (15-1); 3, Curvel (9-2). 9 ran.

2.45 1, Brunoni (2-1); 2, Buddy Holly (7-4 fav); 3, Humdeccia (8-1). 8 ran.

3.15 1, Hiram B Birdbath (2-1 fav); 2, Centenary Star (6-1); 3, Ram-N-Sun (33-1). 9 ran.

3.45 1, Hilarion (11-8 fav); 2, Working Success (6-1); 3, Crafty Copper (5-1). 7 ran. NR: Beechmount Lad.

4.10 1, Dismes Destiny (6-4 fav); 2, Snowfire Chap (3-1); 3, Doronicum (5-2). 5 ran.

4.45 1, Needy Ready (7-4 jt-fav); 2, Deadline (6-1); 3, Peacework (3-1). Beau Guest 7-4 jt-fav. 8 ran.

NOTTINGHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Enterprise Lady.
2.30 Matahif.
3.00 Kates Cabin.
3.30 Walim.
4.00 CHIPAYA (nap).
4.30 B Grade.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.00 —
2.30 Matahif.
3.00 ADAMIK (nap).
3.30 Walim.
4.00 Chipaya.
4.30 Gondo.

By Michael Seely

3.00 KATES CABIN (nap). 3.30 Walim. 4.00 Chipaya.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 CHIPAYA.

Going: good to soft   Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best   SIS

2.0 RAINWORTH APPRENTICE SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,679: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

1	(8)	000040	YOUNG INDIA 13 (F,G) (K Shaw) T Barron 8-7	Alex Greaves	91
2	(5)	453100	STAR LEADER 33 (F) (P Rugg) R Hollinshead 9-7	G Husband	85
3	(4)	451120	ENTERPRISE LADY 11J (D,F,G) (G Baker) R Hodges 9-2	A Tucker	89
4	(18)	600004	LA RAPTOTTE 13 (B,F) (B Baker) M Charles 9-0	G Hind	89
5	(17)	604060	HEARTHRUG 42 (D Aykroyd) P Walwyn 8-11	K Rutter	83
6	(2)	2000-0	MY LADYS TEARS 102 (Mattsword Ltd) F Yardley 8-10	R Price	86
7	(14)	300406	LADY TOPAZ 70 (BF) (K Beaumont) T Thomson Jones 8-10	Jaki Houston	94
8	(7)	000405	BOX OFFICE 5 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 8-9	A Morris	89
9	(18)	652060	SHARP N' EASY 20 (B) (C Rogers) R Hannon 8-8	R Perham	93
10	(1)	600-0	LIGHT ON HER TOES 116 (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 8-8	—	—
11	(6)	352430	BIG ECK 74 (F) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-7	S Maloney	85
12	(12)	50-500	LEGAL STREAK 11 (J Hall) B McMahon 8-5	Ron Hillis	—
13	(20)	060042	REGINA ROYALE 13 (V,BF) (R Lorenz) C Nelson 8-3	J Fortune	89
14	(3)	660005	SHARP RUNNER 5 (Miss N Thesiger) D Chapman 8-3	O Wood	89
15	(15)	650400	SIRSE 6 (F) (T Barker) M Usher 8-3	M Marshall	68
16	(6)	000330	EXPRESS EDITION 6J (B,D,G) (Unique Racing Plc) C Beever 8-2	M A Giles	● 99
17	(11)	65-0600	COMIC RELIEF 20 (A Fletcher) B Morgan 8-1	C Hodgson	84
18	(16)	600005	ROYAL SUPREME 13 (S) (R Shrott) O Lewis 8-1	Dale Gibson	68
19	(10)	045000	BOUGAINVILLEA 23J (B) (Mrs M Walker) R O'Leary 8-0	F Norton	83
20	(19)	355000	CHANDANNE 20 (Talon Construction) T Casey 7-13	N Kennedy	—

BETTING: 4-1 Enterprise Lady, 5-1 Regina Royale, 11-2 Lady Topaz, 6-1 Sharp N' Easy, 8-1 La Raptotte, 10-1 Star Leader, 12-1 Young India, 14-1 Sirse, Express Edition, 18-1 others.

1989: TONGADIN 8-0 M O'Reilly (14-1) M O'Neill 20 ran

FORM FOCUS STAR LEADER 15th of 20 to Dararoyal (rec 17lb) at Yarmouth (7f, seller, good to firm).
ENTERPRISE LADY 5½l 7th to Zizania (gave 9lb) at Wolverhampton (1m, h'cap, good to firm). Earlier neck 2nd to Granitton Bay (gave 26lb) at Leicester (1m, claimer, good to firm).
LADY TOPAZE 8l 8th to Mexican Vision (gave 1lb) at Leicester (7f, seller, good to firm). SHARP N' EASY 7th of 15 to Saysana (levels) at Brighton (7f, seller, good to firm).
REGINA ROYALE (rec 12lb) 2l 2nd to Nildes Angel, with LA RAPTOTTE 2½l 4th (rec 10lb) and ROYAL SUPREME (rec 12lb) 4l 5th at Warwick (1m seller, good to firm).
Selection: ENTERPRISE LADY

2.30 WOODBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,060: 1m 2f) (21 runners)

1	(8)	40	ACCESS FLYER 12 (Miss D Williams) R Boss 9-0	M Roberts	81
2	(4)		ATTADALE (Sir G Wills) W Jarvis 9-0	L Dettori	—
3	(19)	606	CLEAR LEADER 12 (S Posford) R Johnson Houghton 9-0	K Darley	80
4	(11)	00	COURT EQUERRY 17 (V) (M Francis) M Francis 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
5	(12)	D	FETTLE UP 13 (Mrs A Hirst) J Wharton 9-0	Dale Gibson (3)	—
6	(18)	000	GRIFFITH 5 (Mrs V Gaucci del Bono) B Hanbury 9-0	J Fortune (3)	71
7	(5)	45300	HELLESPONT 24 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0	A Munro	83
8	(13)	000	JOURNEYMAN 13 (R Montague) C Tinkler 9-0	J Lowe	83
9	(2)	63	MABTHUL 12 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-0	Pat Eddery	87
10	(1)	22223	MATAHIF 10 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 9-0	W Carson	● 99
11	(9)	60	NEEDHAM LAD 49 (R Balderson) P Kelleway 9-0	J Carroll	79
12	(20)	000	SEABEE 99 (Mrs F Brunton) K Cunningham-Brown 9-0	N Carlisle	—
13	(15)	00	SENSIBLE DECISION 13 (T Barron) T Barron 9-0	Alex Greaves (5)	63
14	(8)	0500	SIGNSOFTHENINETIES 13 (A Edwards Ltd) J Scargill 9-0	W Ryan	73
15	(21)	6	STRADBALLY MOUNT 48 (M McCormack) M McCormack 9-0	Paul Eddery	79
16	(7)	552	TYRIAN PURPLE 6 (Rykneld Thoroughbred Co Ltd) R Hollinshead 9-0	B Perks	94
17	(17)	63	WRETHAM HOUSE 21 (B) (Mrs G Haynes) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	97
18	(14)	9500	FLOWER OF SCOTLAND 13 (H Thomson) P Calver 8-9	K Fallon	74
19	(3)	00	FOXTROT PIE 16 (E Vestey) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	G Carter	—
20	(16)		JULIETSKI (C Wacker III) Mrs L Piggott 8-9	B Crossley	—
21	(10)	550002	WOTAMONA 7 (J Knowles) B Palling 8-6	N Adams	76

BETTING: 2-1 Matahif, 7-2 Wretham House, 4-1 Tyrian Purple, 6-1 Mabthul, 8-1 Attadale, 12-1 Needham Lad, 14-1 Access Flyer, 16-1 others.

1989: ROCK HOPPER 9-0 P D'Arcy (15-2) M Stoute 12 ran

FORM FOCUS ACCESS FLYER 13th of 23 to Full Of Pluck (gave 4lb) at York (7f, mdn, good to firm). CLEAR LEADER 12½l 6th to Port Sunlight (levels) at Haydock (1m, mdn, heavy).
MABTHUL 11l 3rd to Red Rainbow (levels) at Haydock (1m, mdn, heavy). MATAHIF 6½l 3rd to Desert Splendour (rec 9lb) at Ascot (7f, h'cap, good).
STRADBALLY MOUNT 9½l 8th to Copper Burn (rec 14lb) at Salisbury (7f, claimer, firm). TYRIAN PURPLE 1½l 2nd to Orujo (levels) at Leicester (1m, mdn, firm). WRETHAM HOUSE was hampered when 2½l 3rd to Libk (gave 8lb) at Wolverhampton (1m, grad stks, good to firm). WOTAMONA 5l 2nd to Long Furlong (gave 6lb) at Leicester (1m 2f, seller).
Selection: WRETHAM HOUSE

3.0 FLAWBOROUGH STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,978: 1m 2f) (14 runners)

1	(4)	222122	ADAMIK 49 (BF,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-10	W Ryan	● 99
2	(5)	1-	BOLD PERFORMER 346 (S) (W Wharton) J Wharton 9-9	Dale Gibson (3)	88
3	(2)	261420	MINIMIZE 16 (D,F) (R Shannon) L Cumani 9-8	L Dettori	93
4	(1)	15	PHILHARMONIA 25 (F) (R Sangster) J Hills 9-5	W Carson	90
5	(8)	414	KATES CABIN 10 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) G Wragg 9-4	G Carter	98
6	(3)		CONYGAR PARK (C Brown) R Guest 9-0	Dean McKeown	—
7	(7)	0	DULVERTOR 37 (G Rivkin) G Harwood 9-0	Paul Eddery	—
8	(6)	02-0444	GOMARLOW 98 (K Underwood) D Morley 9-0	W R Swinburn	82
9	(10)	500050	KINGS ALDERMAN 146 (Equity Provincial Ltd) W Musson 9-0	N Carlisle	57
10	(11)		NO GUTS NO GLORY (Mrs L Webb) P Leach 9-0	J Lowe	—
11	(9)	04	RESEARCHING 23 (BF) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	Pat Eddery	70
12	(12)	2210	SKIPPER TO BILGE 23 (S) (Crescent (UK) Ltd) M Jarvis 9-0	A Munro	81
13	(14)	00	THATCHER'S DILEMMA 63 (S Management Ltd) D Arbuthnot 9-0	K Darley	—
14	(13)	0	PURE BLISS 10 (Construction Services Ltd) R Hodges 8-9	A Tucker (7)	—

BETTING: 2-1 Minimize, 3-1 Adamik, 9-2 Kates Cabin, 5-1 Researching, 8-1 Philharmonia, 12-1 Bold Performer, Skipper To Bilge, 14-1 others.

1989: CAMBO 9-0 Pat Eddery (3-1) J Tree 14 ran

FORM FOCUS ADAMIK a short head when 2nd to Northern Hal (levels) here (1m 2f, stks, good to firm).
BOLD PERFORMER beat Stagecraft (levels) a head at Thirsk (7f, grad stks, soft). MINIMIZE 28th of 40 to Risen Moon (1m 1f, Cambridgeshire h'cap, good to firm). Earlier 4l 2nd to Age Of Miracles (rec 7lb) at Ascot (1m 2f, h'cap, good to firm). KATES CABIN 3¾l 4th to Fire The Groom (levels) at Ascot (1m, listed, good). SKIPPER TO BILGE 19th of 20 to Lots Of Luck (rec 16lb) at Haydock (1m 2f). RESEARCHING over 7l 4th to Christine Daae (gave 1lb) at Redcar (1m 2f, mdn, firm).
Selection: ADAMIK (nap)

3.30 WOODBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,060: 1m 2f) (18 runners)

1	(9)	0045	BAYLORD PRINCE 42 (D Hunnisett) W Carter 9-0	C Carter	82
2	(5)	06	SUCARO BOY 32 (G Bush) W G M Turner 9-0	Dean McKeown	72
3	(4)	325026	DANCE PARTOUT 14 (W Said) N Callaghan 9-0	K Darley	90
4	(6)	000	DERISBAY 15 (D Locke) P Arthur 9-0	G Hind (3)	—
5	(3)	63606	FATHER FIGURE 6 (K Kleanthous) R Hannon 9-0	L Dettori	93
6	(17)		INFERRING (J Atrib) Mrs L Piggott 9-0	B Crossley	—
7	(18)	00	IN TRUTH 20 (C Dennis) R Earnshaw 9-0	J Carroll	—
8	(16)	004	IRISH VALUE 20 (J Mathiesen) R Guest 9-0	M Roberts	80
9	(15)	000	IT'S NOT MY FAULT 21 (R Dalton) J Scargill 9-0	W Ryan	77
10	(14)		MALENOIR (J Purcell) M Bell 9-0	A Munro	—
11	(11)	00	SEDGY MEAD 12 (J Reed) P Jones 9-0	R Perham (5)	76
12	(12)	0	SWAN WALK 52 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 9-0	N Adams	—
13	(2)	52	WALIM 51 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	● 99
14	(1)	00	YOUNG PITT 12 (A Merritt) T Jones 9-0	N Carlisle	—
15	(7)		ROSATEEN (R Taberner) R Juckes 8-9	Paul Eddery	—
16	(13)	003	SHINING WOOD 7 (S Suhail) B Hanbury 8-9	Pat Eddery	90
17	(10)	4	TRISETTE 20 (Mrs D Butler) W Jarvis 8-9	W Carson	91
18	(8)	0	VOSTOK 18 (Mrs D MacRae) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	W Hood	—

BETTING: 10-11 Walim, 3-1 Shining Wood, 5-1 Trisette, 13-2 Father Figure, 8-1 Dance Partout, 10-1 Inferring, 14-1 Vostok, 16-1 others.

1989: BLUE STAG 9-0 M Hills (7-4 fav) B Hills 13 ran

FORM FOCUS DERISBAY 10th to Tenayestelign (rec 2lb) at Goodwood (7f, mdn, good).
FATHER FIGURE 6½l 5th to Orujo (levels) at Leicester (1m, mdn, firm). IRISH VALUE 12l 4th to Souk (rec 5lb) at Brighton (7f, mdn, good to firm).
WALIM 2½l 2nd to Jahafil (levels) at Sandown (1m, stks, good). SHINING WOOD 2½l 3rd to Exclusive Virtue (levels) at Leicester (7f, mdn, firm). TRISETTE 8½l 4th to Melpomene (levels) at Wolverhampton (1m, mdn).
Selection: WALIM

4.0 WESTBOROUGH FILLIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,297: 6f) (21 runners)

1	(6)	504	BREAKFAST RIDE 17 (B) (Mrs P Goulandris) J Dunlop 9-7	W Carson	80
2	(9)	3100	UNWANTED TREASURE 14 (F) (Triangle Ltd) J Etherington 8-12	K Darley	80
3	(20)	560	MYSTIC CRYSTAL 16 (S Fustok) W O'Gorman 8-9	A Munro	80
4	(14)	3501	CHIPAYA 28 (CD,F) (G Algranti) J Fanshawe 8-9	W R Swinburn	● 99
5	(13)	621	NEGEEN 21 (F) (Sheikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-9	M Roberts	81
6	(16)	0050	MY TURN NEXT 11 (A White) R Hollinshead 8-8	G Hind (3)	80
7	(18)	136010	PILAR 6 (BF,F,G) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-5	A Culhane	86
8	(21)	02465	PATSY'S PET 6 (M Rozenbroek) T Fairhurst 8-4	J Fanning (5)	80
9	(17)	1040	ASTRAL'S DELIGHT 58 (F) (Heathavon Stables Ltd) J Berry 8-4	J Carroll	80
10	(10)	564	BELLEFAN 16 (Hambleton Million plc) M Bell 8-3	G Carter	90
11	(19)	565	DARK KRISTAL 18 (C Kilroy) R Hannon 8-2	W Ryan	80
12	(12)	223400	MISS FORMIDABLE 34 (J Bianchi) G Huffer 8-1	Dale Gibson (3)	81
13	(15)	0400	ECHO LADY 13 (Southern Evening Echo) G Balding 7-13	J Fortune (3)	80
14	(8)	304601	BESS POOL 18 (D,G) (E Leigh-Pemberton) D Arbuthnot 7-12	S Wood (3)	81
15	(1)	550	ROSE D'ETOILE 13 (Mrs P Coe) W Carter 7-8	J Lowe	82
16	(2)	218415	KINLET VISION 11 (D,F) (W Foresters) J Berry 7-8	N Adams	90
17	(4)	060	SIERRA D'OR 21 (A Budge Ltd) R Hannon 7-8	N Carlisle	80
18	(3)	0100	MEESON TIMES 45 (D,F) (C Castle) B Ellison 7-7	L Charnock	85
19	(5)	432323	PARTY TREAT 6 (B,BF) (Miss S Dean) T Casey 7-7	N Kennedy (5)	87
20	(7)	036026	KATIE VALENTINE 6 (V) (A Reid) J Scargill 7-7	R Street	86
21	(11)	000	KALABRIDGE 13 (Esman Ltd) M Ryan 7-7	G Bardwell	—

Long handicap: Party Treat 7-4, Katie Valentine 7-4, Kalabridge 7-2.

BETTING: 5-1 Chipaya, 11-2 Negeen, 6-1 Breakfast Ride, 13-2 Katie Valentine, 8-1 Bess Pool, 10-1 Party Treat, 12-1 Pilar, Dark Kristal, 14-1 Kinlet Vision, Sierra D'Or, 18-1 others.

1989: NOBODYS SWEETHEART 9-4 T Quinn (7-1) P Cole 18 ran

FORM FOCUS BREAKFAST RIDE was hampered when 6¾l 4th to Dald (levels) at Goodwood (6f, mdn, good).
UNWANTED TREASURE ran better than her placing suggests when 4l 9th to Samsolom (rec 4lb) at Warwick (5f, good to firm).
MYSTICAL CRYSTAL 8th of 11 to Crystal Path (levels) at Newmarket (6f, mdn, good to firm). CHIPAYA was backed when beating Adeva (rec 3lb) by 5l here (6f, h'cap, good to firm). NEGEEN was hard ridden to beat Serious Henry (gave 5lb) by a head at Wolverhampton (5f, mdn, good to firm). PILAR 7th to Sally's Prince (gave 6lb) at Leicester (6f, claimer, firm). Earlier beat Smiles Ahead (levels) at Redcar (7f, seller). BELLEFAN finished well when over 8l 4th to Daswaki (gave 1lb) at Goodwood (6f, claimer, good to soft). KINLET VISION over 8½l 5th to Adwick Park (gave 27lb) at York (6f, h'cap, good).
Selection: CHIPAYA

4.30 KEGWORTH HANDICAP (£2,973: 6f) (26 runners)

1	(25)	656630	BERNSTEIN BETTE 23 (CD,F,S) (M Bernstein Ltd) P Felgate 4-9-10	W Ryan	91
2	(15)	220000	CRONK'S COURAGE 13 (B,D,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 4-9-4	Paul Eddery	—
3	(17)	100050	BEACHY GLEN 7 (CD,G,S) (E Edmonds) C Tinkler 3-9-4	G Carter	90
4	(12)	40-0000	PRIESTGATE 12 (D,F) (R Speechley) J Wharton 5-9-2	Dale Gibson (3)	81
5	(8)	004-505	SOLA MIA 150 (D,F) (Mrs P Barratt) O Bowring 4-9-1	S Webster	82
6	(5)	200460	SULLY'S CHOICE 35 (B,CD,F,G,S) (D Chapman) D Chapman 9-9-1	J Carroll	91
7	(11)	500600	KRISFIELD 12 (S) (P Abraham) O Brennan 5-9-0	Dean McKeown	85
8	(1)	651060	PATTIE'S GREY 44 (B,D) (Lady Matthews) J Etherington 4-8-12	N Connorton	92
9	(19)	5/0-0505	JOHN O'DREAMS 14 (V) (Mrs A Pulham) Miss J Thorne 5-8-8	M Roberts	92
10	(24)	443455	HANNAH'S BOY 24 (C,F) (Mrs M Fletcher) B McMahon 4-8-8	Ron Hillis (3)	91
11	(3)	4-04000	GONDO 7 (V) (T Child) M Ryan 3-8-8	G Bardwell	80
12	(14)	10531D	NAVARESQUE 19 (CD,BF,F,G) (Mrs D Pickford) R Hodges 5-8-8	W Carson	● 99
13	(20)	6654-00	CREAM AND GREEN 119 (D,S) (Andea Ltd) K White 6-8-7	R Wernham	80
14	(4)	041000	BREAK LOOSE 27 (B,D,F,G) (C Booth) G Chapman 4-8-5	J Fortune (3)	94
15	(6)	00-0000	TWILIGHT FALLS 7 (D,S) (C Smith) M Camacho 5-8-4	L Charnock	80
16	(21)	6000/5-	SPARE US ALL 553 (Curley Credit Bookmaking) B Curley 6-8-3	—	—
17	(23)	000060	SHARP TIMES 41 (D,F,G,S) (F Briggs) W Musson 7-8-2	N Carlisle	85
18	(9)	060002	B GRADE 7 (D,S) (J Tunstall) J Balding 5-8-1	A Mackay	95
19	(10)	035	LONG LANE LADY 66 (M M Racing Ltd) J Mackie 4-8-1	G Hind (3)	94
20	(22)	462153	DAWES OF NELSON 13 (G) (Mrs J Miller) M Bolton 5-8-0	J Lowe	87
21	(13)	064320	KING TREVISIO 49 (R Moody) Mrs J Ramsden 4-7-11	A Munro	91
22	(16)	500000	SOBERING THOUGHTS 7 (I Matthews) G Chapman 4-7-11	S Wood (3)	90
23	(26)	320004	BALLAFORT 27 (D,F) (C Benlock) J Bosley 5-7-8	N Adams	93
24	(18)	00-0002	BAY MOUNTAIN 109 (J Daniels) R Curtis 4-7-8	NON-RUNNER	82
25	(2)	206000	LEFT RIGHT 31 (CD,G,S) (C Stevenson) P Felgate 7-7-7	N Kennedy (5)	83
26	(7)	502006	GLENSCAR 3 (D,F) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 4-7-7	E Husband (7)	85

Long handicap: Left Right 7-6, Glenscar 7-6.

BETTING: 9-2 B Grade, 5-1 Dawes Of Nelson, 6-1 Navaresque, 7-1 Ballafort, 8-1 Hannah's Boy, 10-1 Cronk's Courage, 12-1 Bernstein Bette, 14-1 Sharp Times, King Trevisio, 16-1 others.

1989: ANTHONY LORETTO 4-9-10 W Ryan (8-1) John FitzGerald 25 ran

FORM FOCUS BERNSTEIN BELLE 20th of 24 to Funun (gave 11lb) at Haydock (6f, h'cap, good to soft). Earlier 1½l 3rd to Lady Tap (levels) at Yarmouth (6f, h'cap, good to firm).
HANNAH'S BOY 6l 5th to The Shanahan Bay (gave 8lb) at Haydock (5f, h'cap, good to soft).
NAVARESQUE 18th of 20 to Norfolkiev (gave 10lb) at Salisbury (6f, h'cap, good). Earlier beat Langtry Lass (gave 15lb) with BALLAFORT (rec 10lb) 4th 7½l and BREAK LOOSE (gave 6lb) 22nd of 23 here (6f, h'cap, good). B GRADE beaten a head by Sea Devil (gave 7lb) with BEACHY GLEN (gave 13lb) 16th of 17 at Ayr (6f, h'cap, heavy). DAWES OF NELSON 5l 3rd to Calvanne Miss (gave 2lb) at Folkestone (6f, appr'ce h'cap, good).
KING TREVISIO 18th of 20 to Aardvark (gave 32lb) with NAVARESQUE (rec 1lb) 4½l 3rd here (1m, h'cap, good to firm).
Selection: NAVARESQUE

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Stoute	24	75	32.0	Pat Eddery	45	190	23.7
H Cecil	26	90	28.9	W Carson	38	219	17.4
L Cumani	9	41	22.0	L Dettori	9	54	16.7
J Dunlop	28	138	20.3	W R Swinburn	27	172	15.7
P Walwyn	14	79	17.7	R Street	4	28	14.3
R Houghton	7	40	17.5	K Darley	10	83	12.0

FOLKESTONE

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Replicate.
1.45 Mulciber.
2.15 Gulfland.
2.45 Cordillero.
3.15 Masaken.
3.45 Follow The Sea.
4.15 Miss U Like Crazy.
4.45 Grey Tudor.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

1.15 Access Holidays.
1.45 Colonial Spirit.
2.15 Checkpoint Charlie.
2.45 Sao Paulo.
3.15 Masaken.
3.45 Nodolya.
4.15 Final Offer.
4.45 Grey Tudor.

Going: good to firm (straight good)   SIS
Draw: 6f, high numbers best

1.15 BURWASH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div I, part I: 2-Y-O: £2,060: 6f) (11 runners)

1	(2)		ACCESS HOLIDAYS (Miss E Williams) R Boss 9-0	G Duffield	—
2	(1)		BULLET PROOF (R Dollar) P Howling 9-0	N Day	—
3	(3)	3032	GOLDEN BIRCH 7 (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 9-0	J Williams	● 99
4	(11)	D	MONSCOMA 15 (Mrs O Davison) A Davison 9-0	G Baxter	—
5	(6)		PAY TO DREAM (M Jaye) J Sutcliffe 9-0	M Wigham	—
6	(7)	00000	DIRECT SOURCE 41 (M Rogers) A Moore 8-9	A McGlone	—
7	(5)		NORMEAD LASS (Whitcombe Manor Stables Ltd) R Akehurst 8-9	T Williams	—
8	(9)		RED POPPY (S Meacock) C Pritchard-Gordon 8-9	C Rutter	—
9	(10)	03	REPLICATE 15 (Mrs R Wigley) J Hills 8-9	S Whitworth	92
10	(8)	33	SONGLINES 13 (Crescent (UK) Ltd) R Smyth 8-9	T Quinn	87
11	(4)		TENDER SPOT (Mrs G Strauss) R Hannon 8-9	B Rouse	—

BETTING: 9-4 Golden Birch, 11-4 Replicate, 9-2 Songlines, 7-1 Access Holidays, 8-1 Tender Spot, 12-1 Normead Lass, Red Poppy, 16-1 others.

1989: CHILDREY 9-0 A Clark (4-5 fav) G Harwood 15 ran

1.45 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,847: 7f) (16 runners)

1	(7)	000040	BIRLING ASHES 20 (Mrs B Garrad) R Stubbs 9-0	—	68
2	(14)	603	BLUE ILLUSION 13 (B Hills) B Hills 9-0	D Holland (5)	87
3	(11)	303	COLONIAL SPIRIT 16 (Francis Sng Chuen Lui) J Eustace 9-0	S Whitworth	91
4	(10)	4	DORMERS DELIGHT 19 (Dormers Builders Ltd) G Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	89
5	(8)		EIGHTEENTHIRTYFOUR (Ballard (1834) Ltd) A Moore 9-0	T Williams	—
6	(3)	0	LAMARSH 41 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	A Sofley	—
7	(15)	6	LINCHMERE LAD 18 (Dexam International Ltd) Lady Herries 9-0	A Clark	79
8	(16)	222	MULCIBER 8 (Mrs P Treadwell) G Harwood 9-0	R Cochrane	98
9	(5)	62	PAPER DART 18 (BF) (Mrs J Wallinger) P Walwyn 9-0	G Baxter	84
10	(6)	40	RIVAL BID 21 (BF) (D Altham) M Jarvis 9-0	G Biggs (5)	● 99
11	(2)		SALWAN (M Al-Qatami) W Jarvis 9-0	M Tebbutt	—
12	(4)	006	TRIANGULATION 20 (Mrs L Bishop) R Smyth 9-0	T Quinn	75
13	(13)	0	BRORA ROSE 31 (Mrs S Burley) J Bethell 8-9	G Duffield	31
14	(12)	6	COIN GAME 32 (Mrs J Manning) R Hannon 8-9	B Rouse	—
15	(9)		COME ON MY GIRL (K Sturgis) R Boss 8-9	N Day	—
16	(1)	404440	PRINCESS KATIE 32 (M Jones) A Moore 8-9	R Moogan (7)	79

BETTING: 9-4 Mulciber, 4-1 Paper Dart, Rival Bid, 6-1 Dormers Delight, 8-1 Blue Illusion, 10-1 Linchmere Lad, 14-1 Come On My Girl, 16-1 others.

1989: FIELD GLASS 9-0 W R Swinburn (11-2) M Stoute 16 ran

2.15 LEEDS AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,931: 1m 4f) (20 runners)

1	(15)	330312	TURMERIC 3 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Morley) G Morley 7-11-7	Louise Peate	93
2	(5)	152330	SKAZKA 21 (D,F) (P Mellon) I Balding 4-11-5	Clare Balding	93
3	(8)	40-6612	CHECKPOINT CHARLIE 10 (D,F,S) (Mrs T Eustace) J Eustace 5-11-5	Lydia Pearce	90
4	(13)	2345	NATARAYA 21 (J Fisher) G Harwood 3-11-4	Amanda Harwood	96
5	(4)	0105/	HOWJAL 147J (D,F) (M Rust) J Bostock 5-11-3	E Bailey	—
6	(12)	432253	KATIE JO 13 (G) (R Scott) M Ryan 4-10-13	W Dixon	94
7	(10)	0-50	TIMUR'S KING 46 (Lord Leverhulme) R J Houghton 3-10-12	G Johnson Houghton	86
8	(18)	5-03055	OXBOW 11 (V) (A Oldrey) P Walwyn 3-10-11	P MacEwan	● 99
9	(7)	515610	GULFLAND 13 (D,F,G,S) (G P-Gordon) G P-Gordon 8-10-6	R Pritchard-Gordon	98
10	(16)	0-06255	SUNFLOWER SEED 21 (C Wright) W Hastings-Bass 3-10-5	Maxine Juster	95
11	(11)	5-45000	SEENACHANCE 10 (Mrs M Rimell) D Nicholson 3-10-3	M Rimell	95
12	(17)	0/1090-0	FAST AND FREE 18J (S) (Mrs V Walker) P Felden 4-10-3	Julia Felden	85
13	(9)	053003	SIMPLY SPIM 20 (Mrs R Newton) W Wightman 3-10-1	G Kille	97
14	(19)	500600	KOVALEVSKIA 13 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (W Jiggins) D Wilson 5-9-10	Elaine Bronson	89
15	(14)	0/0000-0	BUZZARDS CREST 170 (S) (B Jones) H Collingridge 5-9-9	Di Jones	—
16	(2)	002020	SIMPLY DES 20 (F) (B Mitten) J O'Donoghue 3-9-6	Elizabeth Gazzange	94
17	(20)	115350	COLOUR SCHEME 14 (Trevor George Partnership) J Jenkins 3-9-5	R Massey	93
18	(6)	060056	DONNA MARTINI 28 (J Ruddy) M Muggeridge 3-9-5	Denise Pomeroy	87
19	(1)	045023	SAVILLE WAY 0 (BF) (Saville House Racing Ltd) W Musson 3-9-5	Judy Musson	97
20	(3)	000200	ARDEARNED 0 (B) (T Gregory) G Lewis 3-8-3	M Jeffries	88

BETTING: 9-2 Oxbow, 11-2 Gulfland, 6-1 Sunflower Seed, 7-1 Katie Jo, 8-1 Nataraya, 10-1 Skazka, 12-1 Infeb, Turmeric, 14-1 Simply Spim, 16-1 others.

1989: KOVALEVSKIA 4-10-1 Elaine Bronson (9-1) D Wilson 19 ran

2.45 BIDDENDEN SELLING STAKES (£2,532: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

1	(5)	26-0001	CORDILLERO 13 (C,G) (K Higson) A Moore 4-9-0	B Rouse	● 99
2	(8)		PHILS FRIEND 292J (Mrs M Philpot) J Bridger 4-9-0	T Williams	—
3	(12)	210000	SAO PAULO 7 (C,F) (Winning Post Racing Ltd) C Allen 4-9-0	R Morse	87
4	(6)	055000	TIN HAT 18 (Mrs G Fane) J Bethell 4-9-0	G Duffield	83
5	(1)	60-0000	CAROLES CLOWN 13 (F) (Mrs C Grimshaw) M Haynes 4-8-9	—	—
6	(10)	606600	HIGH ON HIGH 98 (A Richards) C Austin 4-8-9	J Williams	73
7	(9)	00-06	JEROZA 20 (Mrs C Howard) M Channon 4-8-9	C Rutter	77
8	(4)	00-	MOONTALK 377 (Whitcombe Manor Racing Ltd) R Akehurst 4-8-9	R Cochrane	—
9	(2)		CASTLE CAPERS (Mrs J Cheeseman) D Arbuthnot 3-8-7	T Quinn	—
10	(3)	0-55430	SHORT STRAW 17 (Anglo Thoroughbred Racing) R Hannon 3-8-7	A McGlone	89
11	(11)	066050	BIRDIE CHANCE 70 (R Sayer) S Dow 3-8-2	G Biggs (5)	60
12	(7)	330143	PASSION AND MIRTH 31 (D,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-2	S Whitworth	84

BETTING: 2-1 Cordillero, 9-2 Passion And Mirth, 8-1 Sao Paulo, 6-1 Short Straw, 8-1 Jeroza, 10-1 Phils Friend, 14-1 Castle Capers, Tin Hat, 16-1 others.

1989: LUCKY NATIVE 3-8-6 M Rimmer (14-1) D Marks 18 ran

Guide to our in-line racecard

103	(12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. G — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

3.15 BURWASH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div I, part II: 2-Y-O: 2,060: 6f) (10 runners)

1	(6)	050432	AGEETEE 28 (Mrs M Taylor) A Turnell 9-0	A McGlone	95
2	(1)	06	GREY ILLUSIONS 10 (J Redfern) L Holt 9-0	T Williams	93
3	(10)	024	RYECOVE 18 (W Collison) R O'Sullivan 9-0	S Whitworth	● 99
4	(9)		DOMIANA (C Buttery) M Blanshard 8-9	R Cochrane	—
5	(5)		HEAD TURNER (G Harris) J Hudson 8-9	S Dawson	—
6	(8)	6000	KALOOKI QUEEN 10 (R Stebbing) B Stevens 8-9	M Tebbutt	—
7	(2)	0	KELLY'S KITE 21 (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 8-8	J Quinn	—
8	(4)	00	MASAKEN 7 (M Salem) B Hanbury 8-9	A Shoults	94
9	(7)	0	PHUSSANDBUSSLE 32 (Mrs M Simmonds) J Dunlop 8-9	A Clark	—
10	(3)	4	SHEZNICE 34 (P Cook) Miss B Sanders 8-9	W Newnes	88

BETTING: 5-2 Masaken, 7-2 Sheznice, 4-1 Ryecove, 5-1 Ageetee, 8-1 Grey Illusions, 12-1 Phussandbussle, 14-1 Kelly's Kite, 16-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

3.45 HARDRES HANDICAP (£2,973: 1m 2f) (15 runners)

1	(1)	123030	D'ALTAGNAN 19 (BF,F) (D Allen) R Hannon 4-8-10	B Rouse	95
2	(2)	000312	NODOLYA 11 (D,G) (R McAulay) B Hanbury 3-9-9	A Shoults	93
3	(6)	02-0404	AMADORA 13 (Lady Cohen) J Dunlop 4-9-8	W Newnes	92
4	(4)	504345	ALYANAABI 20 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-7	G Baxter	94
5	(15)	000-020	FOLLOW THE SEA 44 (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) R Akehurst 4-9-7	R Cochrane	98
6	(14)	005303	ALREEF 23 (D,F) (H Sibley) T Thomson Jones 4-9-5	S Whitworth	97
7	(10)	000320	ANGEL BRIGHT 23 (A Gawthrop) C Weedon 4-9-5	G Holland (5)	● 99
8	(8)	600501	HERE HE COMES 15 (D,G) (G Ivermee) W Carter 4-9-4	B Cairns (7)	95
9	(3)	412433	TOM CLAPTON 7 (V,D,F) (Lady McAlpine) D Morley 3-9-2	N Day	94
10	(5)	0-35	TROJAN PLEASURE 10 (S Cowley) D Murray Smith 3-9-1	T Williams	80
11	(11)	5060	ST ROBERT 27 (R Olley) C Brittain 3-8-13	B Doyle (7)	83
12	(7)	0600-00	ROBBIE BURNS 13 (G Hunnisett) R Smyth 4-8-11	T Quinn	89
13	(9)	623610	VICEROY EXPRESS 39 (CD,BF,F) (M Rust) J Jenkins 3-8-10	J Williams	82
14	(13)	550540	SO LONG BOYS 15 (C Ranson) A Lee 3-8-10	A Clark	85
15	(12)	210200	CROSBY PLACE 32 (B,D,F) (Miss P Westbrook) M Haynes 4-8-10	S Dawson	80

BETTING: 5-1 Follow The Sea, 8-1 Alreef, 7-1 D'Altagnan, 6-1 Nodolya, Crosby Place, 10-1 Tom Clapton, 12-1 Elegant Stranger, Gibbot, 14-1 Acqua Noir, First Avenue, 16-1 others.

1989: FIRST VICTORY 3-8-9 R Perham (10-1) R Hannon 15 ran

4.15 BURWASH MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,060: 6f) (18 runners)

1	(17)	58	EBONY ENTERTAINER 58 (A Merritt) S Dow 9-0	W Newnes	89
2	(7)	0005	FREE FOR ALL 21 (C Steinberg) L Holt 9-0	T Williams	77
3	(13)	5005	HUSO 28 (Sheikh Mohammed) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle (7)	84
4	(11)	D	OAKBOURNE 18 (Oakbourne Construction Ltd) T Thomson Jones 9-0	B Whitworth	—
5	(6)	005	OAK PARK 83 (C Garrad) R Stubbs 9-0	—	—
6	(10)	00	PERJURY 115 (R Tooth) G Elsworth 9-0	J Williams	59
7	(8)		RUSTIMAN (Mrs S Elphick) M Bolton 9-0	C Rutter	—
8	(5)	02	THE JOLLYFRENCHMAN 16 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 9-0	N Howe	● 89
9	(1)		DOMINORA (R A Bott (Wigmore St) Ltd) C Nelson 8-9	T Quinn	—
10	(9)	4	FINAL OFFER 58 (M Pinto) A Scott 8-9	E Guest	93
11	(14)		JALDI (A Finney) J Sutcliffe 8-9	M Wigham	—
12	(16)	80	LADY WINIFRED 31 (T Parrott) R Hannon 8-9	B Rouse	80
13	(12)	00600	MILFORD MAGIC 27 (J Dwight) P Howling 8-9	N Day	—
14	(18)	6	MISS U LIKE CRAZY 16 (C Wright) J Hills 8-9	R Cochrane	84
15	(3)	2234	NOBLE FLUTTER 10 (A Townsend) B Hills 8-9	G Holland (5)	93
16	(15)	60	PENNY PIPEDREAM 7 (Crescent (UK) Ltd) R Smyth 8-9	D Baxter	77
17	(2)	5	PITCAIRN PRINCESS 147 (Snowdrop Stud Co Ltd) D Wilson 8-9	D Biggs (5)	—
18	(4)		TINA'S GIRL (M Mouskos) P Howling 8-9	G Duffield	—

BETTING: 7-2 Noble Flutter, 9-2 Final Offer, 5-1 Miss U Like Crazy, 6-1 The Jolly Frenchman, 6-1 Lady Winifred, 12-1 Ebony Entertainer, 14-1 Perjury, 16-1 others.

1989: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

4.45 HURSTMONCEUX HANDICAP (£2,847: 6f) (17 runners)

1	(11)	600400	ORLEANS GIRL 13 (R Maynard) R Smyth 3-9-10	T Quinn	98
2	(8)	005001	SAYSANA 20 (C,F) (F Hill) A Moore 3-9-7	J Williams	93
3	(4)	000000	MALLAU 14 (D,F) (J Sargood Snr) L Holt 4-9-3	C Avery (7)	92
4	(15)	503320	FORTAN PRINCE 19 (B) (Mrs A Bond) S Harris 3-9-3	R Cochrane	98
5	(13)	245060	PETIVARA 27 (V) (Mrs J Harmsworth) S Dow 3-9-0	W Newnes	90
6	(3)	530000	TRIOMPHE MODEST 14 (D,B,F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-9-0	S Whitworth	96
7	(9)	001600	MISS KELLYBELL 27 (D,G) (J Smith (Nottingham)) R Thompson 3-8-13	P Burke	94
8	(6)	050050	MISS FEE FEE 16 (R Khan) P Howling 3-8-11	G Duffield	90
9	(12)	020030	ORATEL FLYER 14 (V) (P Hughes Construction Ltd) R Thompson 3-8-9	—	96
10	(17)	003006	GREY TUDOR 13 (D) (Mrs E Homewood) C Allen 3-8-7	R Morse	● 99
11	(2)	455444	ZINBAQ 13 (Mrs R Baker) C Benstead 4-8-6	T Williams	98
12	(14)	00-0002	BAY MOUNTAIN 109 (J Daniels) R Curtis 4-8-5	B Rouse	68
13	(10)	000	BALLERINA ROSE 27 (J Canney) E Wheeler 3-8-4	S Dawson	—
14	(7)	060009	CHAMPION GIRL 69 (B,D,F) (Champion Developments (WA) Ltd) A Bailey 4-8-3	—	—
15	(16)	600500	EVER SO ARTISTIC 20 (J Dwight) P Howling 3-8-3	C Rutter	91
16	(5)	060000	MAIDEN BIDDER 14 (D,F,G) (J Hollins) D Wilson 8-8-2	M Wigham	98
17	(1)	00060	BLUSHING POPEYE 185 (Mrs M Newby Vincent) M Muggeridge 3-8-2	J Quinn	90

BETTING: 9-2 Fortan Prince, 5-1 Orleans Girl, 6-1 Miss Kellybell, 7-1 Saysana, 8-1 Triomphe Modest, 10-1 Oratel Flyer, Petivara, 14-1 others.

1989: PETTICOAT POWER 3-9-2 J Williams (10-1) G Balding 20 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
J Gosden	3	7	42.9	N Day	7	35	20.0
G Harwood	30	77	39.0	R Cochrane	19	120	15.5
A Turnell	3	11	27.3	T Quinn	14	93	15.1
B Hills	9	44	20.5	S Whitworth	19	159	11.3
B Hanbury	5	25	20.0	W Newnes	14	125	11.1
R Houghton	5	27	18.5	R Morse	3	30	10.0

FA has no choice but to prefer misconduct and disrepute charges against Manchester United and Arsenal

Brawl film paints ugly picture

STUART JONES


HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Having a ball at the brawl: Adams, of Arsenal, leads the way, pursued by Hughes (left) and Pallister, with Blackmore (right) a distant observer

DAVID Dein, Arsenal's vice-chairman, stood in a basement corridor at Old Trafford after his club's 1-0 victory and saw the evidence which promises to cost the London club at least another hefty financial penalty. As he watched a television monitor replaying the widespread brawl, he winced as though he himself had been a victim of one of the blows.

When the same damning piece of film is shown at Lancaster Gate, the Football Association will have no choice but to charge Arsenal and Manchester United with misconduct and with bringing the game into disrepute.

Otherwise, the governing body would be remiss in its duty to eliminate gang warfare. David Seaman, standing some 60 yards away from the scene of the crime, was the only player not to be involved. Although most of the other 21 can claim that they were committed merely to restoring peace, some can offer no reasonable excuse for their shameful conduct.

After the minute of mayhem was over, Keith Hackett correctly picked out Anders Limpar and Nigel Winterburn as the principal protagonists. The Swedish winger, in a class of his own, had been legitimately teasing United's right back, Dennis Irwin, until he lit the touchpaper with a cynical and unnecessary foul.

He was not punished by Hackett and the referee's willingness to play the advantage rule was eventually to be to his own disadvantage. Neil Webb, incensed by Limpar's late challenge on Irwin, conducted a fierce verbal argument with Winterburn.

Bad blood was simmering. A few minutes later, it boiled over. The clash between Limpar and Irwin was another petty, niggling dispute until Winterburn recklessly intervened. Apart from putting United's full back out of tomorrow night's European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Wrexham, his malicious assault was so provocative that even those seated on the nearby benches felt compelled to join the fray and help pull the pugilists apart.

McClair, mocked by Winterburn after missing a penalty in last season's fixture, at Highbury, sought physical and belated retribution.

Cruel memories can fester long in the mind. Ince, who deposited Limpar on to the running track, Rocastle and Thomas appeared to be intent on creating new animosities.

George Graham, the Arsenal manager, conceded that such incidents cannot be tolerated and, after studying the video, he will take action against anyone he feels worthy of blame. Therein lies an ironic temptation. Limpar has not yet been made to pay for disobeying orders and returning home to Sweden for an international last week.

Alex Ferguson preferred also to review the visual evidence before giving his verdict.

Although Arsenal have had no one other than Davis suspended for two years, they were fined £20,000 and warned by the FA last December. Then they were considered less culpable than Norwich City, their brawling opposition.

As Hackett will doubtless confirm, on this occasion they were the *agents provocateurs*. Since the FA is empowered to deduct League points (the rule, thought to be too ambiguous a year ago, has been altered), the gap between Arsenal and Liverpool could again conceivably be widened.

It was closed to four points on Saturday, but even then through controversial circumstances. Limpar scored the lone goal in the 42nd minute with Arsenal's initial strike. He caught everyone unawares, first by running over to collect a short corner and then by bending the expected cross towards the near post. Sealey scrambled to clear, evidently in vain.

Ferguson, who was himself so surprised that he imagined Limpar had miscued, offered no complaints about Hackett's decision. Yet it was impossible to confirm even with the assistance of a slow-motion replay whether the ball had indeed crossed the line.

It should have been irrelevant, anyway. United should have lifted themselves comfortably clear in the opening half-hour. Among the list of scorned opportunities, the most bizarre featured McClair. Standing in the shadow of Arsenal's bar, he nodded clear a goal-bound header from Bruce.

The transformation was arranged by Graham, appreciating that the marking in midfield was inadequate. He used the time while Winterburn was being treated to send messages conveniently to his players. Merson was pulled back from the front line to follow Phelan; Limpar and Rocastle were ordered to push up on the flanks. Should a manager be allowed to intervene in such a way?

MANCHESTER UNITED: L Sealey; D Irwin (sub: L Martin), C Blackmore, S Bruce, M Phelan, G Pallister, N Webb, P Ince, B McClair, M Hughes, L Sharpe (sub: M Robins).

ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, S Bould, A Adams, D Rocastle (sub: P Groves), P Davis, A Smith, P Merson, A Limpar.

Referee: K Hackett.

MATCH FACTS

At Old Trafford. Att: 47,232. Ref: K S Hackett.
Home record v Arsenal: W 41, L 12, D 19.
HT: 0-1. **MANCHESTER U 0 ARSENAL 1**

	Manchester U	Arsenal
Scorers:		Limpar 43
Cautions:		Thomas 55, Limpar 59, Winterburn 59
Subs:	Robins 66 (Sharpe),	Groves 76 (Rocastle)
Subs:	Martin 80 (Irwin)	

	Manchester U		Arsenal	
Shots (on target/total)	11	19	4	9
Corners (left/right)	2	3	-	1
Crosses (left/right)	11	7	5	5
Free kicks/pens conceded	14	-	18	-
Cautions/sendings off	-	-	3	-
Offsides		6		7
Possession (gained/lost)	43	91	46	82

MANCHESTER UTD						ARSENAL					
	Goal	Crosses		Fouls			Goal	Crosses		Fouls	
Player	attempt	L	R	By	On	Player	attempt	L	R	By	On
Sealey	-	-	-	-	-	Seaman	-	-	-	-	-
Irwin	1	-	9	1	2	Dixon	1	-	4	1	-
Blackmore	3	6	-	2	-	Winterburn	-	2	-	-	-
Bruce	-	-	-	1	1	Thomas	2	-	-	3	-
Phelan	-	-	-	3	1	Bould	-	-	-	3	4
Pallister	1	-	-	3	3	Adams	-	-	-	3	-
Webb	4	-	-	-	2	Rocastle	1	-	-	1	2
Ince	1	-	-	-	2	Davis	-	-	-	1	-
McClair	2	-	1	1	4	Smith	-	-	-	5	4
Hughes	6	-	-	3	2	Merson	-	-	1	1	-
Sharpe	1	4	-	-	1	Limpar	4	3	-	1	3
Robins	-	-	-	-	-	Groves	1	-	-	-	1
Martin	-	1	-	-	-	Unused: O'Leary.					

Stealthy Fox gets the plaudits in a scintillating show

By DAVID MILLER

Norwich City 1
Liverpool 1

A STAR was born, maybe, on a sunny afternoon in East Anglia in a match which was all things that football ought to be. Ruel Fox, born in Ipswich, as black and as quick as Pele — who is 50 this week — is worth travelling miles to see.

There are too many League matches these days during which you can leisurely light a pipe, ask after your neighbour's wife's health, consult your diary on next week's appointments, note again the departure time of your train home, and still be quite sure you have missed nothing of importance on the pitch. This was no such match.

From first to last, you could not afford to let your eye stray for an instant from an outstanding 90 minutes of entertainment and skill that was a credit to . . . well, to Norwich and Liverpool. There are few English teams that can play at such pace and maintain such control.

The most credit must go to Norwich, who are depleted of players, are in trouble near the foot of the table, yet still were willing to try to match Liverpool pass for pass; and able to succeed. I have seldom, at a League match, been more pleased for club and manager. Dave Stringer should be manager of the month for this performance alone, and not just because it ended Liverpool's pursuit of Tottenham's 30-year-old record winning sequence.

Norwich were true to Stringer's word beforehand: they set out to be as accurate and as industrious as their celebrated opponents, and nearly ran them off the pitch after being, potentially disastrously, a goal down in under two minutes.

With the tactical modification that Gunn, in goal, hit perpetual long high clearances to test Liverpool's suspect central defenders, Norwich were a picture of precision, and only the defiance of Grobbelaar at the other end kept Liverpool in the game during a turbulent second half.

It was a performance that belied Norwich's statistics this season of conceding more and scoring fewer goals than most other teams. The scoring problem may well remain with them, however, unless Fox can create a revival partnership with either of the absent Fleck or Rosario.

under-21 International, was selected for the first time, and inhibitedly ran at Liverpool's defence, causing repeated alarms. Stringer observed afterwards, however, that it would remain to be seen whether Power could find the same drive when the adrenalin from appearing against Liverpool was not so spontaneously generated.

Gillespie headed Liverpool in front almost unopposed from a corner by Houghton forced by Barnes. Norwich's response lifted the crowd from their seats. An error by Burrows, Liverpool's left back, was seized by Fox, who exchanged quick passes with Power before lashing the ball above and beyond Grobbelaar and in off the crossbar.

Shortly after the half hour, with Liverpool's defence misjudging a high ball from Gunn, Fox had the chance to lob Grobbelaar, but overhit beyond the bar. Early in the second half, Beardsley, from 30 yards, tested Gunn; but mostly the play flowed the other way. Venison, deputising for Whelan in midfield and eventually replaced by Staunton, and Burrows were stretched, Barnes was peripheral, McMahon out of sorts. Houghton, Beardsley and Rush could not contain Norwich's energy.

Kenny Dalglish was, unsurprisingly, not pleased. He carried the air of a man whose expensive car has just been pranged at both ends, rather than savouring the fact that his team had shared in a scintillating advertisement for the game. He really does seem not to understand for whom his team is playing.

When asked whether he was disappointed that Liverpool's 100 per cent record had ended, he dismissively said with a condescending sneer: "It's only you [the press] who are concerned about these things." No, Mr Dalglish: we and also the several hundred thousand who emotionally follow Liverpool's fortunes, the kind of people who 18 months ago were laying flowers and wreaths at Anfield's gate. It is for these, and Norwich's cheerful 21,000, that this match was played, and which brought a smile from all but Mr Dalglish.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn; I Culverhouse, M Bowen, I Butterworth, P Blades, I Crook, D Gordon, L Power, T Sherwood, R Fox, D Phillips.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; G Hysen, D Burrows, S Nicol, B Venison (sub: S Staunton), G Gillespie, P Beardsley, R Houghton, I Rush, J Barnes, S McMahon.

Referee: J Moules.

Villa's preparation contrasts Uefa tie

By DENNIS SIGNY

Wimbledon 0
Aston Villa 0

THE days when Plough Lane was a place for visiting teams to fear have, it seems, gone. Wimbledon have yet to win a match at home this season and their problem is underlined by a scoring record of eight goals in 11 games.

"It was not easy," Dr Jozef Venglos, Villa's Czechoslovakian manager, said after his side had emerged unscathed from a frenzied preparation for Wednesday's Uefa Cup tie at Villa Park against Internazionale, the Italian side he acknowledges as one of the supreme club teams in the world.

The Wimbledon programme suggested that "the good doctor" might endure a culture shock, visiting Plough Lane for the first time. The same could be said of Giovanni Trappatoni, the Inter manager, who flew over from Milan for a check on Villa.

Venglos and Trappatoni diplomatically avoided disparaging remarks about the Wimbledon style. Trappatoni contented himself by saying that his side would play the ball on the ground and hopefully impose their style on Wednesday's game.

Villa were without Paul McGrath, who requires intensive treatment up to Wednesday, but Trappatoni must have noted the explosive speed of Daley, who showed his potential to be a match winner, and the calming influences of the experienced Cowans and Mountfield.

Ray Harford, the Wimbledon caretaker manager, said: "It gets increasingly hard if you don't break the duck." Wimbledon applied a lot of pressure seeking their first home victory without forcing undue anxiety on Spink.

Segers, by contrast, fell to save a deflected shot from Cascarino just after half-time, beat away a powerful close-range drive from Ormondroyd after 65 minutes and prevented Daley snatching victory for Villa, who have lost only once in ten matches, late on.

WIMBLEDON: H Segers; R Joseph (sub: C Fairweather), T Phelan, W Barton, D Blackwell, K Curle, P McGee, D Kruszynski, J Fashanu, J Scales, A Cork (sub: A Newhouse)

ASTON VILLA: N Spink; C Price, S Gray, A Comyn, D Mountfield, K Nielsen, T Daley, D Platt, I Ormondroyd (sub: P Birch), G Cowans, A Cascarino

Referee: R Nixon.

Barnes opens door for Walsh

By VINCE WRIGHT

Tottenham Hotspur 4
Sheffield United 0

THE 63rd-minute dismissal of the Sheffield United left back, David Barnes, for two bookable offences on Saturday led to Tottenham winning more comfortably than at one time seemed likely.

A minute after Barnes's departure, Nayim scored Tottenham's second goal, killing the game as a contest. Paul Walsh, however, was far from finished. The Tottenham forward, who is playing splendidly, added goals in the 78th and ninetieth minutes to the one with which he opened the scoring early in the second half as the hosts registered their biggest League victory this season.

The news that Liverpool had faltered at Norwich completed a perfect day for Tottenham, who gained ground on the first division leaders. They lie third, unbeaten after nine matches and their next League fixture, at White Hart Lane, is against the men from Anfield.

United, who are without a win this season, slipped to the bottom of the table, yet in the first half there was little to choose between the sides. Moreover, the most coherent move came from United and ended with Brian Deane heading Ian Bryson's centre against the underside of the crossbar. It was only the third League goal Tottenham have conceded.

Barnes squared up to Pat Van den Hauwe in the first half and later received his marching orders for kicking the ball away after Bryson fouled Paul Gascoigne. Dave Bassett, the United manager, conceded Barnes was out of order but complained that the referee, Martin Bodenham, had lost control.

Bodenham booked Van den Hauwe and Steve Sedgley, of Tottenham, and Barnes. Vinny Jones and Simon Tracey, of United, and the feeling was that only Tracey was harshly treated.

Tottenham are not allowing the financial problems at the club to affect the team's performance. It says much for their two front players, Walsh and Stewart, that the injured Lineker was hardly missed. Tottenham's defence is probably as sound as it has ever been, with Sedgley, Van den Hauwe and Mabbutt, an inspiring captain, ensuring Thorstvedt is one of the division's most underworked goalkeepers.

United were not as bad as their recent results suggest, but they lost heart when down to ten men and could not contain Walsh, who made a goal for Nayim and scored three himself.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; M Thomas, P Van den Hauwe, S Sedgley, D Howells, G Mabbutt, P Stewart, P Gascoigne (sub: J Moncur), Nayim, P Walsh, P Allen.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: S Tracey; J Pemberton, D Barnes, V Jones, M Morris, P Beesley, B Marwood (sub: C Bradshaw), J Hoyland, A Agana, B Deane, I Bryson (sub: R Booker).

Referee: M Bodenham.

Everton choose hard labour

By IAN ROSS

Everton 0
Crystal Palace 0

THERE is a growing feeling that Everton's plight is not a product of ill fortune, as has been widely suggested, but more of their own making.

A laboured performance against a Crystal Palace side which placed self preservation above a more usual desire to entertain did nothing to ease the pressure on Colin Harvey, the team manager. Unless those senior players who form the backbone of a side, which only four seasons ago won the League championship, begin to play to something approaching their true capabilities, the club's immediate future will continue to look bleak.

The creativity which hallmarked Everton in the mid-Eighties is now sadly missing, and although the workrate of honest journeymen, like McDonald and Ebbrell, is commendable, the end product is a disappointing, and largely unattractive, collage of ill-defying strategy and impoverished midfield sequences.

It says much of Everton's impotency in attack that while dominating for lengthy periods a scrappy, unrefined match, Cottee, a goalscorer with few equals when on song, did not have one opportunity to test Martyn, the Palace goalkeeper.

Martyn, who enjoyed an afternoon of relative inactivity, was perhaps best placed to pass judgment on a team caught between the security of the past and the uncertainty of the future. "They seem to get into a position 20 yards from goal and then knock the ball out wide and look for a cross when perhaps a shot would be a better idea," he said. "That shows a lack of *confidence, but things will im*prove. It is only a matter of time because everyone knows that they are a quality side."

Those words will possibly comfort Harvey a good deal more than did the display of his team, for only Sharp, who struck the crossbar with a header in the second half, and Watson, who marshalled the home defence superbly, emerged from the game with genuine credit.

Everton will argue that they were denied a penalty on three occasions. The last, a push on Nevin by Shaw, was a clear infringement, but proffering poor refereeing as an excuse is unbecoming of such a club.

In extending to nine matches their unbeaten start to the season, Palace were almost as lacklustre as Everton and their decision to accept a draw when victory could possibly have been achieved was almost inexcusable.

EVERTON: N Southall; R Atteveld, A Hinchcliffe (sub: M Keown), K Ratcliffe (sub: M Newell), D Watson, N McDonald, P Nevin, B McCall, G Sharp, A Cottee, J Ebbrell.

CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn; J Humphrey, R Shaw, A Pardew, E Young, A Thorn, J Salako, G Thomas, M Bright, I Wright, P Barber (sub: A Gray).

Referee: K Redfern.

WEEKEND RESULTS, GOALSCORERS AND TABLES

Barclays League

First division

CHELSEA (0) 0 NOTTM FOR (0) 0
22,403
COVENTRY (1) 1 SOTON (1) 2
Burrows 40 (pen) Billing 4 og
Le Tissier 49
10,040
DERBY (0) 1 MAN CITY (1) 1
Saunders 73 Ward 1 (pen)
17,884
EVERTON (0) 0 C PALACE (0) 0
24,504
LEEDS UTD (2) 2 QPR (2) 3
Whyte 15 Wilkins 29
Chapman 17 Wegerle 40 80
27,443
MAN UTD (0) 0 ARSENAL (1) 1
47,232 Limpar 42
NORWICH (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (1) 1
Fox 7 Gillespie 2
21,275
SUNDERLAND (2) 2 LUTON (0) 0
Gabbiadini 12 20,025
Davenport 31
TOTTENHAM (0) 4 SHEFF UTD (0) 0
Walsh 51 78 90 34,612
Nayim 86
WIMBLEDON (0) 0 A VILLA (0) 0
6,646

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	9	4	0	0	10	1	4	1	0	10	5	25
Arsenal	9	3	1	0	8	3	3	2	0	9	3	21
Tottenham	9	4	1	0	13	3	1	3	0	2	0	19
C Palace	9	2	2	0	6	4	2	3	0	7	2	17
Man City	9	4	0	0	7	2	0	4	1	5	7	16
Nottm For	8	2	1	1	7	5	1	2	1	5	8	13
Man Utd	9	3	0	2	8	5	1	1	2	2	6	13
Luton	9	2	1	1	2	2	2	0	3	7	12	13
A Villa	9	2	2	0	8	4	1	1	3	5	6	12
QPR	9	3	1	1	7	2	1	3	2	6	11	12
Leeds Utd	9	1	2	3	7	7	2	1	1	8	4	12
Wimbledon	9	0	3	2	4	6	3	2	0	4	2	11
Soton	9	2	1	1	7	5	1	1	3	6	11	11
Chelsea	9	2	3	0	9	8	0	1	3	5	10	10
Sunderland	9	2	2	1	6	4	0	1	3	6	11	9
Coventry	9	3	3	1	9	6	0	3	4	1	7	6
Norwich	9	2	1	2	[illegible]	10	0	0	4	1	8	7
Everton	9	1	2	2	8	[illegible]	0	1	3	4	[illegible]	[illegible]
Derby Co	9	0	3	2	3	7	0	0	4	2	9	3
Sheff Utd	9	0	1	3	3	8	0	2	3	3	10	3

FA VASE: Preliminary round replay: Beckenham 2, Tonbridge 2 (aet).

FA TROPHY: Second qualifying round: Accrington Stanley 2, Easington Coll 1; Consett 1, Alnwick Town 1; Shildon 0, Morecambe 3; Ferryhill Ath 0, Emley 0; South Liverpool 0, Fleetwood Town 1; Congleton 1, Radcliffe Boro 0; Redditch 1, Bedworth 2; Stalybridge Celtic 0, Colwyn Bay 1; Droylsden 3, Matlock 3; Gainsborough Trinity 1, Moor Green 3; Horwich RMI 3, Rhyl 2; Leicester Utd 5, Dudley 2; Mossley 1, Atherstone Utd 3; Sutton Coldfield 2, Baldock 1; VS Rugby 1, Grays Ath 1; Barking 1, Uxbridge 2; Bishop's Stortford 2, Harlow 3; Marlow 5, Wembley 0; Cambridge City 1, Yeading 0; Hayes 1, Hitchin Town 1; Tamworth 1, Chesham 2; Gosport Borough 1, Crawley 1; Andover 1, Salisbury 2; Dorking 2, Tooting and Mitcham 2; Fareham 0, Bognor Regis 2; Walton and Hersham 6, Croydon 0; Margate 2, Bromley 1; Southwick 0, Molesey 3; Gloucester City 3, Llanelli 0; Cwmbran 1, Dorchester 1; Barry 4, Bridgend 0; Newport AFC 0, Stroud 3.

Second division

BLACKBURN (0) 0 PLYMOUTH (0) 0
6,267
BRISTOL C (1) 1 OLDHAM (2) 2
Morgan 29 Adams 16 42
14,031
CHARLTON (1) 1 WATFORD (0) 2
Lee 25 Kennedy 57
5,892 Wilkinson 63
HULL (0) 1 WOLVES (1) 2
Payton 83 Bull 7 Dennison 56
7,144
IPSWICH (2) 2 *NEWCASTLE* (0) 1
Gayle 27 Milton 35 Quinn 49 (pen)
15,567
MIDDLSBRO (1) 1 BRISTOL R (0) 2
Kerr 30 White 65
18,589 Holloway 77 (pen)
NOTTS CO (0) 0 MILLWALL (1) 1
7,599 O'Callaghan 34
OXFORD (1) 3 BRIGHTON (0) 0
Simpson 44 54 60 4,733
PORTSMTH (1) 3 LEICESTER (0) 1
Aspinall 5 Clarke 45 Mills 66
Black 57 9,286
SHEFF WED (1) 1 PORT VALE (0) 1
Williams 29 Gibson 56
24,527
SWINDON (0) 0 WEST HAM (0) 1
13,658 McAvennie 83
WBA (0) 1 BARNSLEY (0) 1
West 85 (pen) Cooper 88
9,577

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	12	4	2	0	13	5	4	2	0	9	5	28
Sheff Wed	11	3	3	0	14	5	5	0	0	12	2	27
West Ham	12	4	2	0	15	4	2	4	0	6	4	24
Millwall	11	3	2	0	14	6	3	3	1	8	4	22
Wolves	12	3	1	1	12	8	2	4	1	3	7	20
Notts Co	11	3	1	2	11	9	3	0	2	7	5	19
Middlesbro	11	3	1	2	19	4	2	2	1	6	5	18
Barnsley	11	3	1	1	11	4	2	2	2	3	13	18
Ipswich	12	4	1	1	10	8	1	2	3	5	11	18
Newcastle	11	2	3	1	8	4	2	2	2	5	5	16
Swindon	12	2	1	4	2	7	2	2	1	12	10	15
Brighton	11	3	2	1	10	12	2	1	3	6	10	15
Bristol C	10	3	2	1	11	7	1	0	3	2	9	14
Portsmth	12	3	2	1	12	9	0	1	5	6	13	12
Port Vale	12	2	1	3	7	8	1	2	3	10	15	12
Plymouth	12	2	4	0	8	4	0	2	4	3	12	12
Leicester	12	3	0	3	11	8	1	0	5	4	20	12
Bristol R	10	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	3	10	16	11
WBA	10	1	2	1	5	5	1	2	2	9	9	11
Blackburn	12	2	1	4	8	9	1	1	3	8	11	11
Hull	12	1	3	2	9	10	1	2	3	8	18	11
Oxford	11	2	2	2	12	10	0	1	4	3	13	9
Watford	11	0	0	5	2	10	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	8	8	9
Charlton	11	1	1	4	5	8	0	2	3	8	10	8

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1, Halesowen 2; Bromsgrove 3, Farnborough 2; Chelmsford 0, Rushden 3; Dover 0, Burton 0; Poole 2, Gravesend 0; Wealdstone 4, Weymouth 2; Worcester 3, Dartford 0. Midland division: Alvechurch 1, Stourbridge 2; Bilston 0, Hednesford 2; Nuneaton Borough 3, Racing Cw 3; Spalding 1, Hinckley Town 3; Willenhall 0, Grantham 1. Southern division: Ashford 1, Erith and Belvedere 4; Bury 3, Witney 4; Dunstable 0, Canterbury 2; Hastings 1, Newport IoW 2; Trowbridge 0, Sudbury 1; Yate 2, Folkestone 0; Buckingham 2, Burnham 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Arsenal 2, QPR 3; Luton 1, Chelsea 2; Southampton 1, Millwall 1.

Third division

BOURNEMTH (0) 1 CREWE (1) 1
Bissett 73 (pen) Sussex 7
5,449
BIRMNGHAM (0) 0 GRIMSBY (0) 0
16,123
BRENTFORD (0) 1 HUDDRSFLD (0) 0
May 84 5,509
BURY (2) 2 READING (1) 1
Parkinson 20 McPherson 12
Stanislaus 27 2,807
CHESTER (1) 3 SHRWSBURY (0) 2
Bennett 1 Shaw 56
Morton 65 Clarke 90
Bale 90 1,431
EXETER (0) 0 TRANMERE (0) 0
5,045
L ORIENT (0) 0 BOLTON (1) 1
4,121 Storer 16
MANSFIELD (0) 0 BRADFORD (1) 1
3,582 Jewell 1
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 PRESTON (0) 0
Mendonca 87 4,599
STOKE (0) 1 CAMBRIDGE (1) 1
Biggins 54 Dublin 15
12,673
SWANSEA (2) 2 FULHAM (0) 2
Chalmers 12 Brazil 48 (pen)
Gilligan 43 Davies 81
4,500
WIGAN (2) 4 SOUTHEND (0) 1
Page 6 Daley 14 Cawley 49
Griffiths 68 (pen) 71 2,691

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	11	4	1	0	12	5	4	1	1	8	5	26
Southend	11	5	0	0	10	7	3	1	2	8	11	25
Stoke	11	3	1	2	11	7	3	2	0	7	4	21
Birmingham	11	2	4	0	7	4	2	3	0	7	5	19
Bury	11	4	1	1	11	6	1	2	1	6	6	18
Brentford	11	3	1	2	8	6	3	3	0	5	5	18
Reading	11	2	3	1	11	9	3	0	2	9	8	18
Cambridge	11	1	2	3	5	8	3	3	0	11	5	17
Wigan	11	4	1	1	10	5	1	1	2	7	12	17
Tranmere	10	1	2	3	7	6	3	2	0	10	4	16
Huddersfld	11	3	0	2	7	4	2	1	3	5	6	16
Exeter	11	2	2	2	7	6	2	1	3	6	4	16
L Orient	11	5	0	1	13	5	0	0	5	1	10	15
Preston	11	2	1	2	4	8	2	2	2	9	9	15
Chester	11	2	1	3	9	9	2	1	2	8	8	14
Bradford	11	2	0	3	5	8	2	2	2	7	8	14
Swansea	11	2	3	1	10	8	1	0	4	2	10	12
Bolton	11	1	1	3	8	7	2	1	3	7	12	11
Bournemth	10	2	3	0	9	4	0	1	4	2	8	10
Mansfield	11	0	1	[illegible]	2	8	2	1	2	7	4	8
Crewe	11	1	1	3	6	8	1	1	4	10	13	8
Fulham	11	1	2	2	5	6	0	3	3	6	11	8
Rotherham	11	[illegible]	3	3	11	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	13	8
Shrewsbury	11	0	3	3	4	[illegible]	1	2	2	11	12	7

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Felixstowe 1; Cornard 2; Watton 0; Stowmarket 0.

Fourth division

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 GILLINGHAM (0) 0
Stant 52 Eyres 60 3,041
CARLISLE (1) 1 CHESTRFLD (0) 0
Gates 45 3,029
DONCASTER (0) 1 LINCOLN (0) 0
Grayson 66 2,968
HEREFORD (0) 1 CARDIFF (1) 1
Wheeler 86 Jones 1
5,782
MAIDSTONE (1) 2 DARLINGTN (0) 3
Gall 9 Butler 75 Cork 50
2,077 Borthwick 79
Toman 87
PETERBORO (3) 3 BURNLEY (2) 2
Culpin 11 Luke 13 Futcher 30 44
Berry 45 (pen) 5,102
ROCHDALE (0) 0 TORQUAY (0) 0
3,405
SCUNTHRPE (2) 3 SCARBORO (0) 0
Daws 17 34 2,786
Taylor 65
WREXHAM (0) 2 HARTLPOOL (1) 2
Beaumont 47 Smith 44 Honour 76
Worthington 68 1,733
YORK (1) 3 HALIFAX (0) 3
Helliwell 7 Norris 48 88
Howlett 86 Graham 77
Dunn 72 2,601

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Torquay	12	6	1	0	18	3	2	2	0	11	8	28
Darlington	11	3	1	1	13	2	3	3	1	9	7	21
Northampton	11	4	0	1	10	2	2	2	1	0	8	21
Rochdale	11	4	2	1	12	8	1	2	0	5	4	20
Doncaster	11	3	1	1	5	4	3	0	3	[illegible]	[illegible]	19
Peterboro	11	3	2	1	10	5	2	2	1	5	4	19
Cardiff	11	1	3	1	7	7	3	3	0	7	2	18
Stockport	11	4	1	0	11	4	0	4	2	[illegible]	1	17
Burnley	11	2	2	0	10	3	1	2	3	0	13	16
Scarboro	11	3	1	1	5	4	1	2	2	6	8	16
Scunthorpe	11	4	1	1	8	4	0	2	2	4	13	15
Hereford	11	3	3	1	12	3	3	2	2	2	5	15
Blackpool	11	2	1	2	10	5	1	1	0	4	1	13
Maidstone	10	2	3	3	10	11	2	0	3	3	3	12
Gillingham	11	2	1	1	6	5	0	2	4	4	10	12
Carlisle	11	3	1	3	6	7	0	3	3	5	11	12
Hartlepool	11	2	1	2	4	5	1	0	3	1	12	12
York	10	1	2	2	0	0	1	3	1	6	4	11
Walsall	11	1	4	0	8	5	1	1	4	5	14	11
Lincoln	10	1	4	0	5	4	0	1	4	4	11	8
Chesterfld	11	1	3	1	7	7	0	2	4	2	9	8
Aldershot	11	1	4	1	12	12	0	1	4	4	14	8
Wrexham	10	1	4	1	9	8	0	0	4	2	8	7
Halifax	10	0	2	2	8	2	1	1	4	8	10	6

NORTHERN LEAGUE CUP: Northallerton Town 2, Newcastle Blue Star 3. First division: Tow Law 3, Billingham Synthonia 3, Merton 1, Guisborough 1; Whitby 2, Seaham 2; Stockton 3, South Bank 2; Gretna 1, Wickham 1; Blyth Spartans 3, Brandon 1.

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (0) 1 COLCHESTR (2) 2
Randall 79 Atkins 1 (pen)
1,078 Yates 15
CHELTENHM (0) 2 MACCLSFLD (1) 2
Buckland 65 Askey 9 69
Burns 81 1,300
FISHER ATH (1) 2 YEOVIL (0) 1
Little 29 (pen) Sherwood 67
Martin 47 382
GATESHEAD (2) 2 WYCOMBE W (1) 1
Bell 9 Scott 21 Hutchinson 43
658
KETTERING (1) 2 STAFFORD R (0) 0
Hurst 41 Keast 57 3,272
KIDDRMSTR (2) 3 NORTHWICH (0) 1
Forsyth 11 59 Blain 46
Weir 23 1,055
MERTHYR (1) 1 BARNET (1) 1
Tucker 38 Bull 44 (pen)
1,175
RUNCORN (0) 2 WELLING (3) 3
Carroll 57 Byrne 11 og
Brady 86 Robbins 34
626 Hone 31
SLOUGH (1) 3 BARROW (0) 0
Langley 2 928
Dennis 75
Thompson 90
SUTTON UTD (0) 0 BOSTON (0) 0
840
TELFORD (0) 1 ALTRNCHM (1) 2
Crawley 62 McKenna 34
1,346 Shaw 55

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kettering	15	6	1	0	18	2	6	2	0	11	4	39
Barnet	14	6	1	1	27	8	4	2	0	17	6	32
Colchestr	13	5	0	0	12	2	3	3	2	11	8	27
Welling	14	4	2	1	12	8	3	1	3	10	18	24
Altrnchm	13	4	1	3	13	3	3	0	1	3	5	22
Kiddermstr	15	3	3	2	18	16	2	2	3	8	19	20
Telford	13	2	[illegible]	4	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	2	3	5	[illegible]
Northwich	14	2	2	2	13	10	2	1	4	13	20	18
Yeovil	12	2	2	1	6	2	1	2	2	7	10	17
Wycombe	11	4	1	0	13	9	0	3	3	7	10	16
Sutton U	12	3	1	3	3	10	2	0	3	12	10	16
Macclesfld	16	2	3	3	9	3	1	4	3	3	10	16
Runcorn	13	4	2	2	10	10	0	1	4	2	8	15
Merthyr	13	3	2	1	11	6	1	1	6	4	12	15
Barrow	14	1	4	2	1	6	2	2	3	9	12	15
Slough	14	2	1	0	12	11	1	2	0	4	17	15
Boston	11	3	1	1	13	8	0	3	2	5	12	13
Stafford R	13	2	2	1	11	1	0	1	3	2	11	12
Cheltenham	9	1	3	1	8	[illegible]	1	1	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	10
Fisher A	12	2	3	1	5	[illegible]	0	1	5	6	22	10
Gateshead	12	2	1	3	4	17	1	0	5	5	17	10
Bath	13	1	2	3	7	11	1	1	5	11	13	9

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Haverfordwest 1, Briton Ferry 1; Inter Cardiff 2, Pembroke 2; Maesteg 3, Ferndale 3; Ton Pentre 5, Ammanford 0.

B and Q Scottish League

Premier division

ABERDEEN (1) 3 HEARTS (0) 0
Bett 44 Grant 57 15,000
Gillhaus 72
CELTIC (0) 0 DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
34,363
HIBERNIAN (1) 1 MOTHERWLL (0) 0
Burley 4 og 7,500
ST JOHNSTN (0) 0 RANGERS (0) 0
10,504
ST MIRREN (0) 0 DUNFRLNE (0) 1
4,488 Jack 74

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee Utd	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	1	2	1	4	3	[illegible]
Rangers	9	3	1	1	10	2	1	3	1	4	3	12
Aberdeen	9	3	2	0	6	2	1	[illegible]	1	4	8	12
Celtic	9	2	2	1	10	3	1	2	1	5	8	10
St Johnstn	9	2	1	1	6	5	1	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Motherwell	9	3	2	0	8	1	[illegible]	0	4	[illegible]	4	[illegible]
Hibernian	[illegible]	3	1	1	[illegible]	2	[illegible]	1	2	1	3	[illegible]
Dunfermline	[illegible]	1	3	3	5	5	1	3	4	4	11	[illegible]
Hearts	[illegible]	1	1	0	5	7	1	1	2	4	8	[illegible]
St Mirren	9	1	1	2	[illegible]	5	0	1	4	2	10	4

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 6, Harrow 1; Basingstoke 0, Carshalton 4; Kingstonian 1, Windsor and Eton 1; Leyton-Wingate 1, Enfield 4; Redbridge Forest 2, Wokingham 4; Wivenhoe 1, Hendon 3; Woking 5, Staines 1. First division: Boreham Wood 0, Aveley 2; Chalfont St Peter 2, Met Police 0; Heybridge Swifts 0, Dulwich Hamlet 1; Lewes 1, Whyteleafe 0. Second division north: Barton 5, Finchley 1; Basildon 2, Rainham 0; Berkhamsted 1, Tring 0; Clapton 1, Hornchurch 2; Collier Row 1, Ware 3; Edgware Town 2, Hemel Hempstead 3; Hertford 1, Vauxhall Motors 3; Kingsbury 2, Stevenage Boro 2; Purfleet 2, Royston 2; Saffron Walden 1, Witham 1; Tilbury 0, Billericay 1. Second division south: Abingdon Town 2, Hampton 0; Banstead 0, Epsom and Ewell 2; Feltham 4, Bracknell 0; Flackwell Heath 5, Eastbourne 1; Hungerford 0, Southall 3; Leatherhead 2, Ruislip Manor 3; Maidenhead 5, Cove 1.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bangor City 0, Bishop Auckland 1; Hyde 2, Frickley 0; Leek 2, Marine 3; Shepshed 1, Buxton 0; Southport 3, Goole 3; Witton 1, Chorley 0. First division: Bridlington Town 4, Curzon Ashton 1; Caernarfon 5, Irlam 1; Eastwood Town 1, Newtown 2; Lancaster City 0, Farsley Celtic 1; Rossendale 4, Warrington 1; Winsford 2, Alfreton Town 0. First division League Cup: Whitley Bay 4, Workington 0.

First division

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Logan 87 89
AYR UTD (1) 4 CLYDE (0) 1
McAllister 25 McAuley 89
Bryce 55 2,047
Johnston 82
Walker 85
CLYDEBANK (1) 3 HAMILTON (0) 1
Rowe 20 Kelly 60 Napier 71
Coyle 67 1,108
DUNDEE (1) 2 FALKIRK (1) 2
Wright 32 Dodds 89 McGivern 44
4,013 Stainrod 48
FORFAR (3) 5 MORTON (1) 1
Leslie 1 Paton 5 52 Alexander 11
Petrie 39 601
Reid 46 og
MEADWBNK (5) 6 BRECHIN (0) 1
Irvine 7 21 Lees 88
Roseburgh 11 500
Sprott 30 35
Little 48
PARTICK (0) 2 KILMARNCK (0) 0
Charnley 50 5,500
McGovern 84

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	11	4	1	1	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	0	10	5	[illegible]
Raith R	11	4	2	0	8	3	2	2	1	11	5	16
Hamilton	11	4	1	1	7	2	3	0	2	8	4	15
Dundee	11	[illegible]	[illegible]	1	7	0	2	2	1	10	[illegible]	13
Partick	10	1	1	2	3	5	4	1	1	[illegible]	1	12
Kilmarnck	11	[illegible]	2	1	11	8	2	1	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	11
Falkirk	11	2	1	2	6	6	2	2	1	8	7	11
Clydebank	11	2	2	2	12	12	2	1	2	4	6	11
Ayr Utd	11	2	2	2	10	8	2	1	2	5	9	11
Meadowbank	9	2	1	1	8	4	0	3	2	1	10	8
Forfar	11	2	1	2	10	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Morton	10	2	1	2	8	8	0	0	5	8	15	5
Clyde	10	0	1	4	5	13	1	1	2	5	6	4
Brechin	10	1	0	4	3	11	0	2	2	[illegible]	17	4

IRISH BUDWEISER CUP: First round: Ballymena 2, Distillery 1; Bangor 2, Glentoran 1; Glenavon 2, Coleraine 0; Larne 1, Crusaders 1 (aet — Crusaders won 4-3 on pens); Linfield 2, Ballyclare Comrades 0; Newry 2, Carrick 1; Omagh Town 2, Cliftonville 2 (aet - Omagh won 6-5 on pens); Portadown 4, Ards 2 (aet).

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: Guiseley 6, Denaby United 1; Harrogate Railway 1, North Shields 5; North Ferriby 1, Maltby 1; Ossett Town 0, Brigg Town 0; Pontefract Collieries 0, Belper Town 2; Spennymoor United 3, Thackley 2; Sutton Town 1, Ossett Albion 1; Winterton Rangers 1, Armthorpe Welfare 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Raab Karcher Challenge Cup: First round: Atherton Colls 0, Flixton 3; Blackpool Mechs 0, Vauxhall GM 1; Blackpool 1, Knowsley Utd 5; Bootle 0, Bacup Boro 3; Castleton Gabs 1, Nantwich 1; Cheadle 1, Ashton Utd 0; Darwen 4, Chadderton 2; Eastwood Hanley 1, Burscough 1; Formby 1, Atherton LR 1; Glossop 3, Skelmersdale 2; Kidsgrove Ath 2, Prescot 3; Maghull 3, Leyland Daf 1; Penrith 2, Maine Road 5; St Helens 2, Oldham Town 0; Salford 0, Clitheroe 1.

Second division

ALLOA (0) 0 DUMBARTON (1) 1
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ARBROATH (1) 3 STRANRAER (0) 0
Sorbie 32 252
Bennett 79 88 (pen)
BERWICK (1) 1 E FIFE (0) 0
Tait 22 515
COWDNBTH (0) 0 MONTROSE (1) 1
300 Murray 9 (pen)
E STIRLING (0) 0 ALBION R (1) 3
201 McAnaney 24 68
Richardson 84
Q OF SOUTH (2) 3 STENSMUIR (1) 2
Gordon 4 64 Speirs 30
Adams 14 Anderson 79
686
QUEENS PK (0) 0 STIRLING A (0) 0
758

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
E Fife	11	4	2	0	11	5	2	1	1	3	4	17
Stirling A	10	3	1	1	10	4	3	3	0	6	9	15
Queen's Pk	11	4	1	1	11	4	[illegible]	[illegible]	3	4	[illegible]	13
Stranraer	11	3	1	1	10	5	3	0	2	[illegible]	9	13
Stenhsmuir	11	2	1	2	6	4	3	1	0	12	3	12
Berwick	11	4	0	2	8	4	2	3	3	3	10	12
Dumbarton	11	2	2	2	8	3	2	1	2	1	7	11
Montrose	10	2	0	2	5	8	3	0	[illegible]	5	5	10
Albion R	11	3	1	2	8	9	1	1	3	5	5	10
Alloa	10	3	0	2	[illegible]	4	1	1	2	4	8	9
Cowdenbth	10	2	0	3	4	8	2	1	2	7	7	9
Arbroath	11	3	0	2	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	0	4	[illegible]	11	8
Qn of Sth	11	2	0	2	9	1	0	1	5	4	15	7
E Stirling	11	0	2	4	2	12	1	0	4	4	12	4

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1, Weston super Mare 2; Dawlish 3, Radstock 0; Plymouth Argyle 5, Welton 0; Torrington 1, Clevedon 2; Paulton Rovers 1, Liskeard 1.

FRENCH LEAGUE: Sochaux 2, Marseilles 1; Auxerre 4, Lyons 0; Rennes 1, Caen 1; Paris St Germain 2, Lille 0; Toulon 3, Nantes 1; Nancy 2, Nice 1; St Etienne 1, Cannes 0; Monaco 2, Toulouse 1; Brest 4, Bordeaux 0. Leading positions (after 13 matches): 1, Marseilles, 20pts; 2, Auxerre, 19; 3, Monaco, 17.

SPANISH LEAGUE: Barcelona 3, Sporting Gijon 2; Real Sociedad 1, Valencia 0.

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Bari 4, Genoa 0; Bologna 0, Cesena 1; Cagliari 1, Torino 2; Fiorentina 2, Parma 3; Inter Milan 6, Pisa 3; Juventus 0, Lazio 0; Napoli 1, AC Milan 1; AS Roma 3, Lecce 0; Sampdoria 4, Atalanta 1. Leading positions (after six matches): 1, AC Milan, 10pts; equal 2, Inter Milan and Sampdoria, 9.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Bohemians 0, Cork City 1; Derry City 0, Dundalk 1; Galway United 2, Shamrock Rovers 4; St Patrick's Athletic 1, Shelbourne 1; Sligo Rovers 1, Limerick City 1; Waterford United 2, Athlone Town 1. Leading positions (after eight matches): 1, Cork, 14pts; 2, Shelbourne, 12; 3, St Patrick's Athletic, 11.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Wattenscheid 1, Borussia Dortmund 1; St Pauli 3, VfL Bochum 3; Bayer Leverkusen 0, Werder Bremen 0; FC Nuremberg 0, FC Cologne 4; Bayern Munich 0, SV Hamburg 1; Hertha Berlin 1, Eintracht Frankfurt 0; Karlsruhe 4, Kaiserslautern 2; VfB Stuttgart 1, Fortuna Dusseldorf 1; Bayer Uerdingen 1, Borussia Monchengladbach 1.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
2	1½	3 ●	2	1½	1½	3 ●	1	1	2	2	1½	1½	1½	1	1½	1½	1	1	3 ●

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
1½	3 ●	2	3 ●	1	1	1	2	1½	1½	1	3 ●	3 ●	1	1	1	1	3 ●	1½	1

41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
2	1	3 ●	3 ●	1½	1	1½	1	1	2	1	2	1½	1½	1	1	3 ●	1

POOLS DETAILS: Dividend forecast is moderate with 11 score draws and nine no-score draws. Telephone claims required for 24 points.

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FOOTBALL

Ingenious moments improve Wegerle's international stock

By Russell Kempson

Leeds United 2
QPR 3

FOR perhaps three-quarters of a fast and fluid first division encounter, Roy Wegerle flirted on the periphery. Always able and available but never quite willing to involve himself on a full-time basis. Rather like his state of limbo — born in South Africa, eligible to represent either England or the United States — he drifted in uncertainty.

Yet come the moment of reckoning, his clarity of thought and swiftness of execution were supreme. In the fortieth minute, he left Batty, McAllister, Pearson and Fairclough all floundering before planting a low drive past Lukic — an effort which even the Leeds supporters rose to acclaim. Nine minutes from time, he clipped home a Ray Wilkins pass to earn Rangers a classic counter-attacking victory on foreign soil.

Without the two gems, any visiting American scout may well have recommended the deletion of Wegerle's name from the hosts' 1994 World Cup plans. A Faeroe Islands spy might have plumped for the next footballing fisherman.

Wegerle's twin strike, however, would have won over the harshest of critics. He has now scored nine times this season and is accelerating into international waters. But where will he touch land . . . ?

"I suppose I'm leaning 80 per cent towards the United States, but I've still got four years to decide," Wegerle, one of three players booked for dissent, said. "I'm not throwing myself in any direction at this stage, but if Graham Taylor were to want me for, say, an England B match, it could force my decision."

Taylor, the England manager, chatted with Wegerle when the United States won in Poland recently. Wegerle had travelled independently on a get-to-know-you invitation from the Americans. The intrigue deepens.

Apart from Wegerle's wizardry, Rangers owed much to the guile of Wilkins. Even at 34, his vision remains unimpaired and his prompting priceless. A crisp first-time drive in the 29th minute launched Rangers' recovery.

Leeds also played a wholesome role, belying their reputation as niggly northern nasties. Strachan, marginally younger than Wilkins, pulled most of the strings and inspired a 2-0 lead inside 17 minutes, courtesy of Whyte and Chapman.

But whereas Wilkins had Barker in support and Sinton ever-eager on the left flank, Strachan grew increasingly subdued as he disappeared up blind alleys. Batty and McAllister offered only endeavour while the lack of mobility of Chapman and Pearson up front limited the options still further.

Leeds could have arrested their slide when Maddix nudged Chapman in the 52nd minute. Stejskal's long-awaited debut had already brought a curious mixture of athletic saves, from Chapman and Whyte, and sloppy positioning for crosses. But his Czech expertise was not required. Strachan's penalty struck the crossbar and Leeds's lifeline went with it.

LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic; M Sterland, D Snodin, D Batty, C Fairclough, C Whyte, G Strachan, J Pearson (sub: C Shutt), L Chapman, G McAllister (sub: C Kamara), G Speed.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: J Stejskal; D Bardsley, K Sansom, P Parker, A McDonald, D Maddix, R Wilkins, S Barker, L Ferdinand (sub: M Falco), R Wegerle, A Sinton.

Referee: I Cruikshanks.

Intentions good but execution faulty

LOUISE TAYLOR reviews the second division

THE perception of the second division as a place where midfield skills are redundant is proving increasingly distorted this season. Route one is now the exception rather than the rule, and **Ipswich Town's** 2-1 win over **Newcastle United** on Saturday offered another example of teams attempting a considered passing game.

However, some make a better fist of it than others and, on this evidence, **Oldham Athletic** and **Sheffield Wednesday** need not be overly alarmed by challenges from East Anglia and Tyneside.

At Portman Road, there was too much dwelling on the ball, and final passes frequently went astray. To be fair, Ipswich were without David Lowe and Jason Dozzell, their two outstanding individuals. Nevertheless, in the speedy Chris Kiwomya they possess an exciting free spirit who, when roaming on the left, thrived on the promptings of Romeo Zondervan.

Newcastle's greying defenders, the "thirtysomethings" of the division, are vulnerable to pace and hate being run at by players like Kiwomya. Roy Aitken, the captain, remains a persuasive motivator, but this United team probably peaked last season when finishing third before losing to Sunderland in the play-offs.

Ipswich's second goal, in the 36th minute, although neat enough, owed a lot to powder-puff defending. From just inside a penalty area packed with black and white shirts, David Hill passed to Kiwomya, who played a shrewd square ball to Simon Milton. He shrugged off two challengers before beating Burridge with his left foot.

Having originally fallen behind to Brian Gayle's header from a corner nine minutes earlier, United answered back with a fiftieth-minute penalty from Mick Quinn after Craig Forrest had dragged down Scott Sloan.

Bjorn Kristensen thought he should have had an equaliser in injury time — the effort was rightly adjudged offside — and protested so strongly that the referee resorted to the red card.

Millwall are no longer a long-ball team and, unlike Newcastle and Ipswich, there is nothing ponderous about them. Further testimony to their improvement under Bruce Rioch came at Meadow Lane, where Kevin O'Callaghan's goal was sufficient to subdue **Notts County**.

Now fourth, Millwall are two points behind **West Ham United**, who also won 1-0 away. Frank McAvennie enhanced his reputation as a super-substitute with the goal that beat **Swindon Town**, in a match more attractive than several of the day's first division encounters.

Watford handed over bottom place to **Charlton Athletic** by winning 2-1 at Selhurst Park, increasing the pressure on the home manager, Lennie Lawrence, and lessening it slightly on Colin Lee, his Watford counterpart.

IPSWICH TOWN: C Forrest; F Yallop, R Zondervan, M Stockwell, B Gayle, D Linighan, D Gregory (sub: G Johnson), I Redford, D Hill, C Kiwomya, S Milton.

NEWCASTLE UNITED: J Burridge; K Scott, P Sweeney, R Aitken, J Anderson, D Bradshaw, W Fereday, K Brock, M Quinn, B Kristensen, L O'Brien (sub: S Sloan).

Referee: R Wiseman.

Graduation day for Darlington

KEITH BLACKMORE reviews the third and fourth divisions

THE latest graduates of the GM Vauxhall Conference met for the first time in the League on Saturday, with the newest of arrivals, **Darlington**, having the last word after twice falling behind.

The season before last, **Maidstone United** had replaced Darlington in the Football League, making a conspicuous success of their first season in the fourth division by reaching the play-offs.

Darlington, meanwhile, became the latest team to pip Barnet for the Conference title, thereby regaining League status. They arrived for the first time at Watling Street on Saturday in fourth place in the division and left in second place after winning 3-2.

Their win was not achieved without difficulty. Maidstone went into the lead after only nine minutes. Rumble took a quick free kick then sprinted down the left touchline where Butler found him with a precise pass. His cross along the ground was met by Gall, who had no difficulty scoring his first goal of the season.

Darlington responded well, with Gill, in midfield, and Mardenborough, in a liberally defined role on the right, working well. But Maidstone were well equipped to counter attack and had Charlery made more of Gall's cross after 38 minutes the game might have been beyond Darlington by the interval.

As it was, they were level almost immediately after, Smith's pass finding Cork on the left-hand corner of the penalty area and his shot speeding past Beeney into the top right corner.

Darlington dominated thereafter although Butler, who had an exceptional afternoon, remained a threat. He it was who restored Maidstone's lead after 75 minutes with a crashing half-volley from 20 yards.

Borthwick responded for Darlington five minutes later, heading Toman's free kick past Beeney. Rumble hit a post before the match turned finally the way of the visitors. With four minutes left, Mardenborough streamed once more down the right and his pass found Toman who lobbed the ball over the diving Beeney for the winner. The result leaves Darlington seven points behind **Torquay United**, who drew 0-0 with **Rochdale**, who are fourth.

Grimsby Town retained the lead of the third division by drawing with **Birmingham City**, but **Southend United**, in second place, were beaten 4-1 by **Wigan Athletic**, Griffiths scoring twice. **Stoke City** were held to a 1-1 draw at home by **Cambridge United** but remain in third place.

MAIDSTONE UNITED: M Beeney; L Osborne (sub: G Cooper), P Rumble, L Berry, M Golley, D Oxbrow, M Gall, G Stebbing, K Charlery (sub: L Henry), S Butler, A Sorrell.

DARLINGTON: M Prudhoe; S Mardenborough, F Gray, G Gill, K Smith, G Coatsworth, M Burke, A Toman, J Borthwick, D Cork (sub: D Geddis), M Tait.

Referee: P Durkin.

Shoestring wonders fail to snap

By Walter Gammie

Fisher Athletic 2
Yeovil Town 1

CLIVE Whitehead, the Yeovil Town player-manager, left Fisher's stadium confident that his club could match any demands he might make for new players. He is at the "if this lot cannot do it, I'll have to make changes" stage of his new job.

Mike Bailey, the Fisher manager, could merely thank his players for the spirit to bury the memories of the 8-1 defeat by Barnet last Tuesday. A penalty by Little, a persistent midfield player, and a screaming volley from Martin, one of two 18-year-olds, gave Fisher a 2-0 lead.

Sherwood touched in a goal in the 67th minute to spark Yeovil's rally made unavailing by Bostock, among others. Bailey's decision to bring in the goalkeeper on loan from Cambridge United, to replace Jolly, who had played wretchedly at Barnet, was clearly a wise one.

Since the skies fell in last month on the Winners Worldwide syndicate that helicoptered in Malcolm Allison, Bailey has been working on a shoestring so frail that even the loss of 24 footballs, at £30 each, kicked over the stand has been felt.

FISHER ATHLETIC: P Bostock; G Blackford, P Friar, B Little, J Latigo, M Smart, D Martin, J Mitchell, P Gorman, H Mann, J Docker.

YEOVIL TOWN: D Fry; J Sherwood, S Harrower, M Shail, S Rutter, J Jackson, R Carroll, P Conning, P Wilson, M Spencer, C Whitehead (sub: T Lowe).

Referee: C Finch.

RUGBY LEAGUE

MARC ASPLAND

Leeds sandwich: Heugh is the man being smothered by two Australians

Australians mortal after all

By Keith Macklin

Leeds 10
Australia 22

LEEDS proved that the visitors are not superhuman, and certainly not invulnerable, in a splendid contest at Headingley. Leeds took a 10-0 lead in the first quarter, led 10-6 at half-time, and had the 16,000 crowd buzzing.

In that first half, Leeds, led by Schofield in the backs and the courageous Dixon in the forwards, kicked deep with the wind, chased and harried. As other sides have done fleetingly, they took the game to their opponents, tackled hard and prevented them from achieving the arrogant dominance which has been the feature of four comfortable victories.

Gallagher scored the first try from Schofield's pass, and the Australians were so stunned by the reverse that there was a furious roar in which most players took part before the referee incensed the home crowd by giving the penalty to Australia. Further joy erupted when Leeds got a second try as Schofield put up a high kick. Belcher spilled it under pressure and Dixon got the touchdown, Irving's goal putting Leeds ten points up.

There was a lapse of concentration by the home side close to half-time, and as the ball was lost Sironen picked up and dived over, Meninga adding the goal.

The Leeds euphoria lasted six minutes into the second half. Sironen made another big drive for the line, and although the Leeds players protested that he was grounded short, the try was awarded and Meninga's goal put the visitors ahead.

As Leeds's challenge faded, Lindner crashed over and excellent handling saw Daley and Belcher send Meninga through a big gap, the Australian captain picking himself up to kick the goal.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Gallagher, Dixon. **Goal:** Irving. **Australia: Tries:** Sironen (2), Lindner, Meninga. **Goals:** Meninga (3).

LEEDS: J Gallagher; P Ford, S Irving, C Gibson, V Fawcett, G Schofield, P Harkin (sub: P Delaney), S Molloy (sub. G Divorty); R Gunn, R Powell (sub: D Young), P Dixon, C Heugh, M Kuiti.

AUSTRALIANS: G Belcher; A Ettingshausen, M McGaw, M Meninga, M Hancock; L Daley, A Langer; S Roach (sub: M Lazarus), K Walters (sub. B Elias), B Mackay, P Sironen, R Lindner, D Gillespie.

Referee: R Tennant (Wakefield).

Prolific Hull march on

THE outstanding individual in the Stones Bitter championship matches yesterday was Graham Steadman, the Castleford and Great Britain half back, who scored three tries, landed five goals and a dropped goal for 23 points in his team's 29-16 defeat of a St Helens side hit by injuries and sickness (Keith Macklin writes).

Hull maintained their 100 per cent league record with a comfortable 34-6 win over Sheffield Eagles, and Widnes remain in second place after a hard fought 16-6 victory away against Wakefield, where Jonathan Davies scored two tries.

The New Zealand centre, Darrall Shelford, scored three tries and the Welsh winger, Gerald Cordle, two as Bradford Northern pegged back **Hull Kingston Rovers**, and **Featherstone Rovers** made it three wins in a row by comfortably disposing of the bottom club, *Rochdale Hornets*, 38-8.

On Saturday, in a match dominated by hard tackling, Platt's two penalties enabled **Oldham to beat Warrington 4-2**. Lyon kicked the goal for Warrington, who had two tries disallowed.

In the second division, unbeaten **Salford** went top with a runaway 50-2 victory away to **Chorley**. **Carlisle** lost their unbeaten record 22-10 at **Swinton**, and in a thrilling finish Ryedale York edged past Halifax 18-16 after being 16-2 down.

GOLF

Descampe dashes Reid hopes at finish

From Patricia Davies
IN MADRID

THE final of the Woolmark matchplay championship at Club de Campo, in Madrid, yesterday proved a great match and a delightful contrast in styles, with Dale Reid, the phlegmatic Fifer, a professional for 12 years, playing Florence Descampe, the bustling Belgian, in her third year on tour.

Reid, looking every inch the experienced Scottish professional, walking up the fairway with her glove in one hand and a cigarette in the other, was into her stride right away, winning the first hole with a birdie three and the second with a par four.

Her opponent, always a quick player, looked hurried and a little nervous, but it was Descampe who gathered momentum just when she needed to, coming with a rush of three birdies in a row towards the end, to win by 2 and 1.

The Belgian, aged 21, won £12,000 for her victory and moved to fourth place in the order of merit. It was her second win in a row and her third of the season. Reid earned £8,000, but could count herself unfortunate on a day when she was ten under par for 39 holes.

Reid had crushed Xonia Wunsch, of Spain, 8 and 6 in the semi-finals — going out in 31, six under par, had helped — and continued in much the same form in the afternoon. Two up after two, she calmly holed from 15 feet for a birdie two at the 3rd, to remain two up, after Descampe had holed, not so calmly, from 30 feet.

Descampe was conceded a birdie three at the 5th, but Reid had birdie fours at the 6th and 7th, to go three up. Descampe cut the margin to one with birdies at the 8th and 10th.

Reid won the 13th with par, but Descampe set about proving that two up and five to play never wins, with birdies at the 14th, 15th and 16th, where she chipped in. That put her one up for the first time, and when Reid dropped her second shot of the day, at the short 17th, Descampe was the champion.

RESULTS (GB and Ire unless stated): **Third round:** A Jones (Aus) bt T Johnson, at 19th; K Douglas bt G Stewart, 1 hole; T Abitbol (Sp) bt C Dibnah (Aus), 5 and 4; F Descampe (Bel) bt H Alfredsson (Swe), 5 and 4; X Wunsch (Sp) bt L Maritz (SA), at 19th; S Moorcraft bt D Hutton (Aus), 5 and 4; D Reid bt S Strudwick, 8 and 4; A Nicholas bt L Davies, 1 hole. **Quarter-finals:** Jones bt Douglas, 4 and 2; Descampe bt Abitbol, 2 and 1; Wunsch bt Moorcraft, 4 and 2; Reid bt Nicholas, 5 and 4. **Semi-finals:** Descampe bt Jones, 5 and 4; Reid bt Wunsch, 8 and 6. **Final:** Descampe bt Reid, 2 and 1.

● Sandy Lyle hit a final round of 69 for a score of 277 in the Walt Disney World Golf Classic at Lake Buena Vista, Florida, yesterday. He finished 13 strokes behind the winner, Tim Simpson, on 264 — one shot ahead of John Mahaffey, also of the United States.

Glory for Goetze and her 67

From John Hennessy
IN CHRISTCHURCH

A BRILLIANT round of 67, six under par, by Vicki Goetze, the best in the history of the tournament according to a golfing historian in the press corps, carried the United States to an overwhelming victory in the women's world amateur championship at Russley yesterday.

The United States achieved an eight-round total of 581, one over par. New Zealand, surpassing themselves in front of an enthusiastic gallery, were second, on 597, and Great Britain and Ireland third, on 605.

Goetze, elfin in character but with the boyish stride of a young Mickey Rooney, had established herself as a player of exceptional talent by winning the United States amateur title last year at the age of 16. Now 18, she blazed to the turn in 32, five under par, and knocked off another birdie coming home.

The scoring highlight was an eagle three at the long 9th, where she holed from 50 yards with a sand wedge.

Counting scores for Britain and Ireland were 74 from Claire Hourihane, of Ireland, and 77 from Vicki Thomas, of Wales. Julie Hall, the British champion, was near tears after dropping a third successive shot at the 18th for a 79.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (two lowest scores each day count towards total): 585: United States, 148, 143, 153, 141. 597: New Zealand, 152, 149, 150, 146. 605: Great Britain and Ireland, 153, 146, 155, 151 (J Hall, 74, 77, 78, 79; C Hourihane, 79, 72, 79, 74; V Thomas, 79, 74, 79, 77). 607: Japan, 158, 158, 154, 141. 609: Australia, 155, 151, 150, 153. 611: France, 156, 149, 156, 151; Germany, 150, 151, 151, 159; S Korea, 159, 154, 150, 148. 614: Sweden, 160, 148, 155, 151. 616: Spain, 159, 149, 153, 155.

IN BRIEF

Bucknall signs on

SUNDERLAND have completed one of the most celebrated signings ever in British basketball by persuading Steve Bucknall to join them.

The Great Britain international was cut by Los Angeles Lakers after a second attempt to be a success in the NBA.

RUGBY UNION: England beat the Netherlands 27-0 in a women's international yesterday.

CYCLING: Chris Boardman, last off in the field of 35 at the South Western RC invitation 50 kilometres, won it in 1hr 10min 45sec.

RALLYING: After the Finnish driver, Markku Alen, was forced to abandon his Subaru Legacy with a broken gearbox when half a minute ahead, Russell Brookes went on to claim his third victory of the Audi Sport international rally in Mid Wales.

BOXING: The English featherweight, Alan Vaughan, won the gold in Lima on Saturday in the sixth world amateur youth championships. Vaughan narrowly outpointed the Peruvian, Freddy Blanco.

BOWLS: In an all-Essex decider, Liz Tunn and Brenda Brown, of Colchester, beat Essex County, 20-12, in the pairs, at the British Isles championships qualifying event at Luton.

REAL TENNIS: The favourite, Penny Fellows, overpowered the less experienced Alison Cockcroft, of Yorkshire, in the semi-final of the French open women's championship at Bordeaux without losing a game.

DUATHLON: Glenn Cook continued his recent winning form in the 220 Duathlon held at Keevil Airfield, Devizes with a victory in 2hr 35min 35sec.

TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua, the Chinese former World Cup winner, was beaten 21-18, 15-21, 21-19, by Alan Cooke, holder of the Commonwealth title, at the county championships at St Neots.

ICE HOCKEY: Cardiff Devils lost 8-3 to the group favourites, Polonia Bytom, after leading 2-1 in their European Cup quarter-final in Copenhagen.

LACROSSE: A match between two sides previously unbeaten this season, ended in an 18-13 win for Cheadle over Heaton Mersey for the Referees Trophy at Didsbury yesterday.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

ROCHDALE: 5.3-mile road race: **Men:** 1, P Cuskin (Vale), 24min 27sec; 2, P Taylor (Copeland), 24:29; 3, C Moore (Bingley), 24:39. **Women:** J Thompson (Bath), 29:31.

PEKING: Beijing international marathon: **Men:** P Dall (Den), 2hr 14min 55sec. **Women:** L Yemei (China), 2:32:14.

BASEBALL

OAKLAND, California: World Series: Third game: Cincinnati Reds 8, Oakland A's 3. Fourth game: Cincinnati 2, Oakland 1 (Cincinnati win best-of-seven series, 4-0).

BASKETBALL

NATWEST TROPHY: First round: Stantonbury Worthing Bears 102, London Docklands 82. **CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division:** Derby Rams 109, Kodak Hemel Hempstead Royals 87; Cadbury's Boost Kingston 98, Leicester City Riders 91; Manchester Giants 99, Sunderland 110. **Second division:** Cheshire Jets 85, Middlesbrough Mowhawks 79; Doncaster Eagles 104, Coventry Flyers 74; Oldham Celtics 86, Civic Leisure Broxbourne 75; Plymouth Raiders 82, Bury Metros 88; Watford Rebels 121, Manchester Blue Jays 69. **Third division:** Calderdale Explorers 87, Kirklees Leo's 75; Cheshire Bulls 66, Chiltern Fast Breaks 68. **Women: First division:** Manchester Giants 34, London Jets 68. **Second division:** Harlesden 82, Wirral 61.

BOXING

LIMA, Peru: World Amateur Youth Championships: **Finals:** Super-flyweight: Daniel Alicea (P Rico) bt Hector Avila (Dom Rep), pts. Heavy: Igor Andreev (USSR) bt Kirk Johnson (Can), pts. Welter: Ariel Hernandez (Cuba) bt Nurgan Smanov (USSR), pts. Middle: Juan Gomez bt Astuddin Umorov (USSR), wlk over. Light-welter: Hector Vinent (Cuba) bt Steve Johnson (US), pts. Bantam: Kahabar Barawi (USSR) bt Miguel Avalos (Mex), pts.

SEOUL: WBC super-flyweight title: Moon Sung-kil (S Kor) bt Matsomura Genji (Japan), pts, rsc 5th rnd.

CYCLING

SYDNEY: Wollongong Cycle classic standings: Stage 12 standings (Gold Coast to Wollongong): 1, V Golushko (USSR), 23hr 53min 28sec; 2, D Spencer (Eng), at 53sec; 3, E Pezzotti (It), 1:00; 4, M Sarna (US), 1:05; 5, T Liese (World team), 1:05; 6, P Bayten (Neth), 1:15.

HILL CLIMBS: East Bradford CC (Norwood Edge, one mile): 1, P Greenwood (Clayton Velo), 5:26.3; 2, R Smart (VC Nottingham), 5:28.5; 3, A Greasby (Goole Vermuyden CC), 5:33.7. Otley CC (East Chevin): 1, R Smart (VC Nottingham), 4:4.0; 2, R Reynolds-Jones (Keighley Velo), 4:13.2; 3, C Giles (Huddersfield Star Wh), 4:13.5.

MONZA, Italy: Tour of Lombardy classic: 1, G Delion (Fr), 6hr, 11min 45sec; 2, P Richard (Switz); 3, C Mottet (Fr); 4, R Millar (Scot); 5, F Echave (Sp), all in the same time as the winner; 6, C Criquielion (Bel), 3:35 minutes behind. World Cup standings: 1, G Bugno (It), 120pts; 2, R Dhaenens (Bel), 95; 3, S Kelly (Ire), 89.

TIME-TRIALS: South Western RC invitation (50 km): 1, C Boardman (Manchester Wh) 1hr 10min 45sec; 2, G O'Brien (Leo RC), 1:12.14; 3, S Lilistone (Haverhill), 1hr 12min 32sec. Climbing Award: S Lilistone.

EQUESTRIANISM

HELSINKI: World Cup (timed jump-offs): 1, J Lansink (Neth), Optibeurs Libero H, 42.08sec, 0 faults; 2, R-Y Bost (Fr), Norton de Rhuys, 42.23; 3 equal, P Le Jeune (Bel), Martini Dry, and J Tops (Neth), Top Gun La Silla, 43.21; 5, A Fuchs (Switz), Sandingo, 44.77; 6, P Raymakers (Neth), Olympic Zamira Z8, 42.08. Overall standings: 1, J Lansink (Neth), 20pts; 2, R-Y Bost, 17; 3 equal, P Le Jeune and J Tops (Neth), 14; 5, A Fuchs (Switz), 12; 6, P Raymakers (Neth), 11.

YACHTING

AUCKLAND: Steinlager Cup, match race series: Semi-final qualifiers: 7 wins: R Davis (NZ), M Jones (NZ). 6 wins: P Gilmour (Aus). 5 wins: R Coutts (NZ). Final: 1, R Davis (NZ); 2, P Gilmour (Aus).

BOWLS

ENGLISH WOMEN'S INDOOR ASSOCIATION: Play-off for British Isles championships (at Luton): Singles, Semi-finals: E Bessell (Yeovil) bt D Smith (Bentham), 21-12; C Robertson (Stoke Mandeville) bt M Steele (Egham), 21-8. Final: Bentham bt Robertson, 21-16. Pairs: Semi-finals: E Tunn and B Brown (Colchester) bt J Rowntree and D Thomas (West Cornwall), 28-7; W Barker and E Schooling (Essex County) bt L Reed and B Trafford (Cherwell), 30-16. Final: Colchester bt Essex County, 20-12. Triples: Semi-finals: Boston (J Cammack) bt Egerton Park (A Moore), 13-12 (after extra end); Thornaby (N Shaw) bt Cambridge Chesterton (D Rolph), 17-16. Final: Boston bt Thornaby, 27-8. Fours: Cambridge Chesterton (P Wynn) bt York (B Stubbings), 22-19; Dartford Stone Lodge (D Batchelor) bt King George Field (M Stopher), 21-17. Final: Cambridge Chesterton bt Dartford Stone Lodge, 21-18.

HAVEN COMMERCIAL UNION INTER-CLUB INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP: East: Barking 110, West Mersea 73; Bletchley 73, Handy Cross 80; Brackley 89, Whackknights 83; Browston Hall 77, Beccles 88; Cambs and County 65, City of Ely 101; Clacton 87, Havering 66; Diss 99, Shotford 52; Essex County 86, Southend 69; Falcon 94, Tye Green 58; Great Yarmouth 59, Sole Bay 95; Hatfield 74, Cheshunt 72; Haverhill 72, C Chesterton 75; Herts 89, Harpenden 80; Huntingdon 78, Peterborough 86; Ilford 72, Ipswich 102; Mid-Suffolk 77, Lakenheath 57; North Walsham 73, Norfolk and Norwich 80; Pinewood Park 78, Kirkley Park 77; Rivermead 71, Lawson Park 82; Stoke Mandeville 89, Oxford C and C 89; Wisbech 72, March 74. London: Camberley 59, Cambridge Park 91; Dartford Stone Lodge 84, Croydon 67; Egham 78, Century 76; Elmbridge 89, Pickets Lock 58; Mansfield 85, Bounds Green 75; Paddington 109, Rushmoor 58; Prince Arthur 101, Lewisham 82; Richmond 91, King George 84; Sutton 85, Old Coulsdon 89; Tilbury 75, Crystal Palace 81; Way Valley 80, Hounslow 82. Midlands: Ashfield 81, Bassetlaw 74; Boston 78, Spalding 74; Carlton 76, Avon Valley 121; Charnwood 94, Northampton 63; East Lindsey 66, Dunholme 75; Erewash 71, Nottingham 87; Grantham 71, Addlethorpe 87; Leicester 71, Wellingborough 89; Lincoln 103, Horncastle 66; Melton Mowbray 74, Alfreton 78; Newark 71, Gedling 70; Park Hall 72, City of Coventry 78; Perdiswell 130, Vines Park 42; Rushden 78, Kettering 85. North: Blackburn 61, Bowlers 89; Boldon Common 84, Parkview 65; C and S W Durham 90, King James I 70; Concordia 50, Newcastle 100; Consett 75, Saltburn 80; Hartlepool 105, Eston 62; Huddersfield 82, Blackpool Fylde 105; Hull and District 92, Selby 78; Oldham 93, Swinton 78; Scarborough 79, North Cave 78; Southport 83, Richardsons 68; South Tyneside 75, Primrose 88; Sunderland 110, Tynedale 79. South: Adur 73, Warners 91; Angel 79, Wealden 80; Atherley 95, Banister Park 56; Camnoggas 68, Exonia 108; Dawlish 89, Veryan 59; Eastbourne 78, Folkestone 80; East Dorset 80, Dolphin 81; Egerton Park 57, Mote Park 59; Exmouth Madeira 80, Budleigh Salterton 78; Falaise 103, Seven Oaks 59; Five Rivers 92, Arun 74; Honiton 55, Plymouth C S 92; Isle of Purbeck 89, New Milton 68; Plymouth 89, Bodmin 97; Royal Tunbridge Wells 88, Grattons 82; Sidmouth 83, Torbay 96; Stour 70, King Alfred 75; Worthing 76, Isle of Wight 89; Worthing Pavilion 100, Havant 54. South-West: Bridgwater 81, Taunton 87; Bridport 63, Yeovil 116; Donyatt 90, St Andrews 87; Moonfleet 85, Wellington 72; Victoria 68, British Cellophane 77; Wyrral Park 76, Watchet 80; West Bath 84, Whitchurch 90; Bristol 108, Gloucester 57; Christie Miller 105, Frome 53; Clarrie Dunbar 80, Westlecot 84; Cotswold 71, Bentham 75; Nailsea v Malvern Hills; Northavon 96, Woodspring 85; Yate 59, Thamesdown 113.

COUNTY MATCHES: Buckinghamshire 89, *Leicestershire* 115; Wiltshire 119, Worcestershire 120.

SQUASH

TORONTO: Canadian Open championships: Quarter-finals: C Robertson (Aus) bt P Marshall (GB), 15-12, 14-15, 15-8, 10-15, 15-9; O Ditmar (Aus) bt M Maclean (GB), 15-7, 13-15, 15-5, 15-9; T Nancarrow (Aus) bt R Martin (Aus), 15-9, 15-10, 15-14; B Martin (Aus) bt A Adamraga (Sp), 8-15, 15-5, 15-7, 15-3. Semi-finals: R Martin bt Robertson, 13-15, 15-9, 12-15, 15-6, 15-8; Ditmar bt B Martin, 15-8, 15-10, 15-8.

HOCKEY

POUNDSTRETCHER NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Bromley 0, Hounslow 2; Cannock 0, ISCA 1; East Grinstead 0, Southgate 1; O Loughtonians 1, Slough 2; St Albans 5, Wakefield 2; Stourport 2, Neston 1; Welton 2, Havant 1. **Second division:** Bournville 2, Lyons 1; Broxbourne 0, Trojans 3; Canterbury 0, Cambridge City 1; Firebrands 1, Doncaster 0; Gore Court 2, Harborne 0; Richmond 2, Guildford 1; Taunton Vale 1, Reading 2; Warrington 0, Brean 1.

PIZZA EXPRESS LONDON LEAGUE: Beckenham 0, Surbiton 5; Hampstead 2, Camb Univ 0; London Univ 0, Weybridge 1; Mid-Surrey 3, Blackheath 1; O Kingstons 4, Tulse Hill 2; Oxford Univ 3, Cheam 0; Purley 2, Spencer 2; Wimbledon 2, Maidenhead 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedford 1, Pelicans 0; Blueharts 8, Bishops Stortford 1; Bury St Edmunds 2, Colchester 3; Chelmsford 4, Ford 1; Crostyx 0, Peterborough T 1; Harleston Magpies 3, Cambs Nomads 2; Norwich City 2, Ipswich 2; Wisbech 8, Westcliff 2. **First division:** Clacton 0, Havering 0; Letchworth 2, Huntingdon 3; Long Sutton 1, Southend 2; Norwich Exiles 0, Brentwood 0; Spalding 0, West Herts 5; Stevenage 0, Beds Eagles 1; Waltham Forest 2, O Southendians 2; Welwyn Garden City 5, Thurrock 0.

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier division: Anchorians 1, Oxford Hawks 1; Bognor 1, Fareham 1; High Wycombe 2, Marden Russets 0; O Midwhitgiftians 1, Bournemouth and WH 4; O Taunt**onians 3, Camberley 2; Staines 3, Tunbridge Wells 0; Winchester 1, Chichester 2, Worthing 1, Eastcote 2.

HANTS/SURREY REGIONAL: Merton 0, Fleet 6; Nat West Bank 1, O Walcountians 1; Pirelli 0, Basingstoke 0; Southampton Univ 0, Barnes 2.

KENT/SUSSEX REGIONAL: Gravesend 1, Horsham 1; Herne Bay 4, Burnt Ash 0; Lewes 0, Sevenoaks 0; Lloyds Bank 0, O Bordenians 0; O Holcombeians 0, Midland Bank 1; Rochester and Gillingham 2, O Williamsonians 3.

MIDDX/BERKS/BUCKS/OXON REGIONAL: First division: Aylesbury 2, Witney 0; Marlow 3, NPL 2; Windsor 1, Ashford 1; Banbury 5, ARE Harwell 0; Enfield 3, Reading Univ 0; Harrow T Swans 0, Ramgarhia 4; PHC Chiswick 0, Imperial College 1; ONT 1, Hendon 0; Isle of Wight 3, Portsmouth Poly 2.

KENT RELIANCE CUP: First round: Beckenham 2, Anchorians 8; Cliftonville 0, Maidstone 2; Deal 0, Blackheath 1; Lloyds Bank 1, O Williamsonians 0; Rochester and Gillingham 0; Herne Bay 3.

ERNST AND YOUNG MEN'S LEAGUE: Premier Division: Coventry and North Warwicks 2, Bloxwich 2; John Player 1, Barford Tigers 2; Kidderminster 0, Beeston 3; Olton and West Warwicks 0, Leicester Westleigh 3. **First division:** Aldridge 2, Nuneaton 3; Bridgnorth 8, Chesterfield 1; Derby 0, Edgbaston 4; Hampton in Arden 4, Nottingham 1; Kings Heath 3, Stone 1; Lichfield 3, Khalsa 4; Redditch 3, Northampton Saints 2; South Nottingham 1, Worcester Norton 4.

AUCKLAND, New Zealand: First internationals: New Zealand 4, Canada 0.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand: Four nations women's tournament: New Zealand 1, Great Britain 0; Australia 3, Spain 1; Spain 2, New Zealand 1; Australia 2, Great Britain 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NEW YORK: National Hockey League: Friday: New Jersey Devils 3, New York Rangers 2; Buffalo Sabres 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 4; Washington Capitals 4, New York Islanders 3; Winnipeg Jets 7, Vancouver Canucks 5; Edmonton Oilers 8, Boston Bruins 1; Los Angeles Kings 5, Hartford Whalers 2. Saturday: New York Rangers 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Quebec Nordiques 5, Detroit Red Wings 3; Buffalo Sabres 3, New York Islanders 1; Washington Capitals 4, New Jersey Devils 0; Calgary Flames 8, Boston Bruins 1; Philadelphia Flyers 5, Montreal Canadiens 3; Toronto Maple Leafs 6, Chicago Black Hawks 2; St Louis Blues 2, Minnesota North Stars 2.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE BRITISH LEAGUE: Coventry 44, Swindon 46; Cradley Heath 47, Kings Lynn 43; Bradford 57, Oxford 33. **NATIONAL LEAGUE:** Stoke 50, Rye House 46.

GOLF

KANNAMI, Japan: Women's tournament: Leading second-round scores (Japan unless stated): 140: K Ok-hee (S Kor), 68, 72. 147: W Ming-yeh (Taiwan), 76, 71. 148: R Imabori, 73, 75; M Inomoto, 73, 75. 149: A Benz (US), 73, 76. 150: T Ai-yu (Taiwan), 74, 76.

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Walt Disney World Classic: Leading final-round scores (US unless stated): 264: T Simpson, 64, 64, 65, 71. 265: J Mahaffey, 67, 68, 66, 64. 266: D Love, 68, 65, 66, 67. 267: G Sauers, 68, 65, 67, 67. 268: P Azinger, 67, 65, 68, 68. 269: D Peoples, 68, 69, 65, 67. 270: B Glider, 68, 65, 68, 69. 271: L Nelson, 72, 66, 66, 67; B Lietzke, 68, 68, 68, 67; D Forsman, 70, 66, 65, 69; C Beck, 70, 67, 65, 69. 272: M O'Meara, 70, 68, 68, 66; K Perry, 68, 65, 72, 67; N Henke, 68, 67, 68, 69. 273: P Blackmar, 69, 72, 65, 67; L Roberts, 70, 66, 69, 68; T Armour, 71, 67, 67, 68; T Byrum, 70, 63, 72, 68; B Fabel, 70, 67, 66, 70. 274: R Zokol (Can), 69, 67, 68, 70. 277: A Lyle (GB), 69, 71, 68, 69.

TOKYO: Bridgestone Open tournament: Leading fourth-round scores (Japanese unless stated): 274: S Fujiki, 67, 72, 66, 69; A Yokoyama, 67, 71, 67, 69. 276: N Serizawa, 68, 71, 70, 67. 277: T Watanabe, 72, 69, 69, 67. 278: T Nakamura, 74, 66, 69, 69. 289: S Lane (GB), 72, 71, 76, 70.

ICE SKATING

BUFFALO, New York: Skate America: Final positions: **Men:** 1, V Petrenko (USSR), 1.5. Factored placements: 2, C Bowman (US), 4.0; 3, T Eldredge (US), 4.0; 4, V Zagorodnyuk (USSR), 5; 5, C Heath (US), 7.5; 6, P Candeloro (Fr), 10.5. **Women:** 1, K Yamaguchi (US), 1.5; 2, M Ito (Japan), 3.0; 3, T Kwiatkowski (US), 4.5; 4, P Neske (Ger), 6.0; 5, S Bonaly (Fr), 8.0; 6, J Campbell (US), 8.0. British: 8 Otterson, Britain, 17. **Pairs:** 1, M Elsova and A Bushkov (USSR), 1.5; 2, R Kovarikova and R Novotny (Cz), 4.0; 3, M Wotzel and A Rauschenbach (Ger), 4.5; 4, N Kuchiki and T Sand (US), 5.5; 5, S Ball and J-M Bombardier (Can), 8.0. 6, Y Leonova and S Petrowski (USSR), 8.0. **Dance:** 1, S Calegari and P Camerlengo (It), 2.0; 2, I Sarach and X Debernis (Fr), 4.4; 3, I Melnichenko and G Kaskov (USSR), 5.6, 4, I Strondelova and M Brzy (Cz), 8.0; 5, M Grajcak and A Dostatni (Pol), 10.0; 6, J Miley and M Verlich (US), 12.0.

MOTOR SPORT

NEWTOWN, Powys: Shell open rally championship: Seventh round (Newtown, Powys, to Telford): 1, R Brooks (Worcester) and N Wilson (Chester), Ford Sapphire, 1:44:03; 2, C McRae (Lanark) and D Ringer (Edinburgh), Ford Sapphire, 1:44:20; 3, G Middleton (Shropshire) and P Mills (Wales), Ford Sapphire, 1:49:57; 4, P Frankland (Darlington) and K Chapchase (Durham), Peugeot 205, 1:51:07; 5, G Jones and E Jones (Wales), Mitsubishi Galant, 1.51.43; 6, A Wood (Melrose) and D Paterson (Balerno), Ford Sierra, 1:52:01. Shell British championship: Final positions: 1, D Llewellin (Wales), Toyota, 95pts; 2, C McRae, 82; 3, G Middleton, Ford Sapphire and BMW M3, 43; 4, M Wilson (Cumbria), Ford Sierra, 42; 5, B Fisher (Ulster), BMW M3, 35; 6, O Evans (Wales), Ford Sierra, 34.

VOLLEYBALL

BRAZIL: Men's world championship: Preliminary round: Group A (Rio de Janeiro): Brazil 3, South Korea 0; Sweden 3, Czechoslovakia 2; Brazil 3, Sweden 2; Czechoslovakia 3, South Korea 2. Standings: 1, Brazil, 6pts; 2, Sweden, 5; 3, Czechoslovakia, 4; 4, South Korea, 3. Group B (Brasilia): Canada 3, United States 1; Argentina 3, Netherlands 0; Argentina 3, United States 0; Netherlands 3, Canada 2. Standings: 1, Argentina, 6pts; 2, Netherlands, 5; 3, Canada, 4; 4, United States, 3. Group C (Curitiba): Soviet Union 3, Japan 0; France 3, Venezuela 0; France 3, Japan 0; Soviet Union 3, Venezuela 0. Standings: 1, Soviet Union, 6pts, 2, France, 5, 3, Japan, 4; 4, Venezuela, 3. Group D (Brasilia): Italy 3, Bulgaria 1, Cuba 3, Cameroon 0; Canada 3, United States 1; Cuba 3, Italy 0; Bulgaria 3, Cameroon 0. Standings: 1, Cuba, 6pts; 2, Italy, 6; 3, Bulgaria, 4, 4, Cameroon, 3.

LACROSSE

BRINE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Old Waconians 12, Sheffield Steelers 13, Old Stopfordians 2, Mellor 11, Sheffield University 9, Sale 9; Stockport 22, Timperley 8.

RUGBY LEAGUE

BARLA NATIONAL INTER-LEAGUE CUP: First round: Carlisle 8, Leeds 18, Leigh 32, Copeland 4; Manchester 21, St Helens 8; Oldham 48, Castleford 20. **Lancashire Shield:** Quarter-finals: St Helens 46, Swinton 14; Trafford B 6, Salford 24. **Yorkshire Competition:** Quarter-finals: Dewsbury 12, Batley 16; Hunslet 44, Featherstone R 12.

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Second division: Barrow 16, Carlisle 32.

BRITISH COAL TOUR MATCH: Leeds 10, Australia 22.

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Bradford 26, Hull KR 10; Featherstone 38, Rochdale 8, Hull 34, Sheffield 6; St Helens 16, Castleford 29; Wakefield 6, Widnes 16.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hull	7	7	0	0	167	72	14
Widnes	7	5	0	2	167	104	10
Oldham	7	4	0	3	141	129	8
Featherstone	7	3	1	3	152	151	7
Hull KR	7	3	1	3	116	159	7
Leeds	6	3	0	3	126	100	6
Warrington	7	3	0	4	104	58	6
Bradford	7	3	0	4	137	142	6
Wakefield	6	3	0	3	101	122	6
Castleford	7	3	0	4	151	189	6
Wigan	5	2	1	2	114	93	5
Sheffield	7	2	1	4	136	147	5
St Helens	5	2	0	3	100	102	4
Rochdale	7	1	0	6	82	196	2

SECOND DIVISION: Barrow 26, Bramley 7; Batley 10, Trafford Borough 2; Chorley 2, Salford 50; Doncaster 29, Huddersfield 20; Hunslet 19, Dewsbury 10; Leigh 56, Nottingham City 6; Runcorn 12, Fulham 22; Ryedale York 18, Halifax 16; Swinton 22, Carlisle 10; Workington 42, Keighley 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	7	7	0	0	248	46	14
Halifax	6	6	0	0	262	93	12
Swinton	7	6	0	1	184	106	12
Carlisle	7	5	1	1	202	104	11
Leigh	6	5	0	1	196	58	10
Trafford B	7	5	0	2	182	88	10
Doncaster	7	5	0	2	129	106	10
Whitehaven	7	5	0	2	114	92	10
Ryedale Yk	7	4	1	2	165	104	9
Hunslet	7	4	0	3	189	132	8
Workington	7	4	0	3	113	100	8
Fulham	7	4	0	3	111	103	8
Huddersfield	7	3	0	4	125	146	6
Batley	5	2	0	3	57	68	4
Barrow	7	2	0	5	67	201	4
Dewsbury	7	1	0	6	69	132	2
Keighley	7	1	0	6	110	195	2
Bramley	6	1	0	5	82	198	2
Chorley	7	1	0	6	79	261	2
Nottingham C	7	0	0	7	71	247	0
Runcorn	7	0	0	7	73	261	0

RUGBY UNION

WELSH SCHOOLS NATIONAL LEAGUE: Bryngwyn 0, Maes Yr Yrfa 38; Brynteg 36, Ynysawdre 10; Maesteg 47, Pencoed 4; Swansea College 67, Gorseinon College 0; Whitland 20, Tregyb 18.

COLOMBO: Asian tournament: First day: South Korea 21, Taiwan 6; Hong Kong 21, Sri Lanka 13.

NARBONNE, France: Tour of France: Second match: New Zealand 22, Languedoc selection 6.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Women: Netherlands 0, England 27.

WRFU BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP: Eton Manor 3, Medway 10.

WINDSURFING

BUENOS AIRES: World Lechner championships: First race leaders: **Men:** 1, A Fernandes (Sp); 2, J Velaz (Arg); 3, S Videkovic (Yug); 4, M Quinntin (Fr); 5, G Rebello (Br). **Women:** 1, P Way (GB); 2, K Chapin (US); 3, M Keijer (Neth); 4, L Butler (US); 5, W Thomson (US); 6, L Oullberg (Swe). **Second race leaders: Men:** 1, G Rebello (Br); 2, J Kelvert (Fr); 3, J Velaz (Arg); 4, A Fernandes (Sp); 5, C Lawrence (Aus). **Women:** 1, P Way (UK); 2, K Chapin (US); 3, E Trepalner (Can); 4, L Butler (US); 5, E Rog (Sp). **Overall leaders (after two races): Men:** 1, A F de Bobadilla (Sp), 8.0pts; 2, J G Velazco (Arg), 5.7; 3, G M Rebello (Br), 10.0; 4, J P Kelbert (Fr), 18.0; 5, M Quinnin (Fr), 21.0; 6, E Balot (Fr), 25.7. **Women:** 1, P Way (GB), 0.0; 2, K Chapin (US), 6.0; 3, L Butler (US), 16.0; 4, E Trepalner (Fr), 20.7; 5, W Thomson (US), 24.0; 6, J Horgen (Nor), 25.7.

SWIMMING

DUNFERMLINE: Monk International Meeting: 1990/91 British grand prix: First leg: **Men:** 400m individual medley: 1, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 4min 31.13sec; 2, J Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 4:31.50; 3, P Blake (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 4:33.09. 200m breaststroke: 1, M Von Ryan (Neth), 2:17.55; 2, R Maden (Rochdale Aquabears), 2:17.55; 3, R Dekker (Neth), 2:18.68. 100m butterfly: 1, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 56.26sec; 2, S Dronsfield (Oldham Metro), 56.84; 3, T Hart (Thurrock), 57.88. 50m breaststroke: 1, R Dekker (Neth), 28.45sec; 2, A Moorhouse (City of Leeds), 28.70; 3, M Von Ryan (Neth), 29.16. 200m freestyle: 1, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 1:52.03; 2, G Buipit (Harrow), 1:53.16; 3, J Broughton (City of Leeds), 1:55.29. 100m backstroke: 1, G Robins (Portsmouth Northsea), 58.71sec; 2, J Davey (City of Leeds), 59.69; 3, J McNeil (Milngavie and Bearsden), 1:00.99. 50m freestyle: 1, M Wright (Hong Kong), 23.56sec; 2, R Dekker (Neth), 23.83; 3, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 23.92. 400m freestyle: 1, I Wilson (Borough of Sunderland), 3:56.00; 2, S Akers (City of Leeds), 3:58.97; 3, J Broughton (City of Leeds), 4:06.50. 100m individual medley: 1, R Dekker (Neth), 57.07sec; 2, A Savizkh (URS), 57.64; 3, M Fibbens (Barnet Copthall), 57.75. **Women:** 400m individual medley: 1, S Purvis (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 4min 54.05sec; 2, S Davies (Bracknell), 4:54.24; 3, S Page (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 5:00.20. 200m breaststroke: 1, E Volkova (USSR), 2:32.21; 2, J Hill (Cumbernauld), 2:38.62; 3, C Kerr (City of Newcastle), 2:37.29. 100m butterfly: 1, M Scarborough (Portsmouth Northsea), 1:02.68; 2, S Purvis (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 1:03.43; 3, C Foot (City of Southampton), 1:04.89. 50m breaststroke: 1, E Volkova (U), 32.58secs; 2, J Landik (USSR), 32.80; 3, L Coombes (City of Southampton), 33.29. 200m freestyle: 1, S Davies (Bracknell), 2:03.98; 2, M Muis (Holl), 2:03.99; 3, O Jones (City of Chester), 2:04.19. 100m backstroke: 1, S Page (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 1:03.75; 2, E Tattum (Bracknell), 1:05.76; 3, M Scarborough (Portsmouth Northsea), 1:06.46. 50m freestyle: 1, E Ermakova (USSR), 26.35sec; 2, A Sheppard (Milngavie and Bearsden), 26.74; 3, M Muis (Neth), 26.83. 400m freestyle: 1, O Jones (City of Chester), 4min 19.32sec; 2, S Foggo (City of Newcastle), 4:23.22; 3, J Davey (City of Newcastle), 4:30.41. 100m individual medley: 1, J Landik (URS), 1:04.49; 2, S Davies (Bracknell), 1:04.59; 3, J Hill (Cumbernauld), 1:05.61. 200m backstroke: 1, S Page (Mercury Wigan Wasps), 2:16.68; 2, M Scarborough (Portsmouth Northsea), 2:20.49; 3, E Tattum (Bracknell), 2:22.03.

TENNIS

HONG KONG: Semi-finals: I Lendl (Cz) bt O Rostagno (US), 6-3, 6-0, M Cheng (US) bt D Wheaton (US), 7-6, 6-1.

ANTWERP: European community championship: Semi-finals: H Leconte (Fr) bt S Edberg (Swe), 7-5, 3-6, 6-0, G Ivanisevic (Yug) bt A Mansdorf (Isr), 1-6, 6-2, 7-6.

SCOTTSDALE, Arizona: Arizona Classic Women's tournament: Semi-finals: C Martinez (Sp) bt M Javer (GB), 6-1, 6-1; M Werdel (US) bt A Frazier (US), 6-4, 6-1.

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Porsche Cup Women's tournament: Semi-finals: M J Fernandez (US) bt K Maleeva (Bul), 7-5, 6-0; B Paulus (Austria) bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-3, 6-4.

VIENNA: Men's indoor tournament: Second round: Singles: Semi-finals: A Jarryd (Swe) bt A Volkov (USSR), 6-2, 7-5, H Skoff (Austria) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-2, 7-6. Doubles: Semi-finals: J Lozano (Mex) and T Wilken (US) bt J Bates and A Castle (GB), 6-1, 6-3

LYONS: Men's indoor tournament: Semi-finals: M Rosset (Switz) bt D Pate (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; M Wilander (Swe) bt A Mronz (Ger), 6-2, 7-6.

KYOTO, Japan: Bridgestone Japan Women's Circuit Tournament: Semi-finals: Singles: K Radford (Aus) bt Y Kamio (Japan), 6-7, 6-4, 8-6; R Hiraki (Japan) bt C Barclay (Aus), 2-6, 6-0, 6-4.

ORIENTEERING

PENBRAY, Wales: British national event: **Men:** 1, P James (Southern Navigators), 97min 20sec; 2, S Beck (Southern Navigators), 101.47; 3, M Chapman (Lakeland), 102.50. **Women:** 1, J Ramsden (Warrior), 73.59; 2, J Cleary (Lakeland), 78.52; 3, M Ockenden (Thames Valley), 83.05.

Déjà vu as Senna takes title

By JOHN BLUNSDEN

AYRTON Senna yesterday regained the world championship, which he lost to Alain Prost exactly a year ago, in a most unsatisfactory way. In a replay of their controversial accident in the 1989 Japanese grand prix, which handed the title to Prost, the two championship contenders again collided when jostling for the lead, this time in the opening seconds of the Japanese race, Senna's McLaren-Honda and Prost's Ferrari both ending up off the track and out of the race.

When Gerhard Berger, in the other McLaren-Honda, slid off the track on the same corner on the second lap, Nigel Mansell took over the lead and seemed to have the race comfortably in his pocket. But as he accelerated away after a quick mid-race pit stop for fresh tyres, his Ferrari let him down for the ninth time this season, leaving the way open for a resounding one-two finish for the Benetton-Fords of Nelson Piquet and his new partner, Roberto Moreno, sitting in for the incapacitated Alessandro Nannini.

Ironically, it had been Nannini who had benefited last year from the Senna-Prost contretemps, which enabled him to record his only Formula One victory.

The seeds of the latest Senna-Prost fracas were sewn when Prost, second on the grid, made the better start from the left side of the track. He was soon alongside and then briefly ahead of Senna's car in the rush to the right-handed first corner. But Senna fought back alongside and held his ground on the right as Prost, still with his nose ahead, moved across on to the narrowing racing line and the two cars collided.

A year ago, Prost had walked back to the pits knowing he was the new world champion. This time, as Senna did so, he knew that the title was once again his, and when he arrived there he insisted that he felt no blame for what had happened. "Prost left the door open so I went for the inside, but there was only room for one car and I couldn't avoid us making contact," he said.

Predictably, Prost put a different interpretation on events. "Anyone who understands motor racing could see it for themselves. He did it deliberately," he said.

With so much at stake, perhaps the problem was predictable, but the chances of it happening would have been lessened if pole position had been on the left, giving a better line into the first corner.

The sad thing about this unnecessary incident is that not only has it resolved the world championship in an unsatisfactory manner, it has almost certainly reopened the long-festering wounds of mistrust between the sport's two most successful drivers.

Jean-Marie Balestre, the International Motor Sport Federation (Fisa) president, said: "It is a scandal that a world championship should be decided on such a collision and I leave everyone to be their own judge of who is to blame."

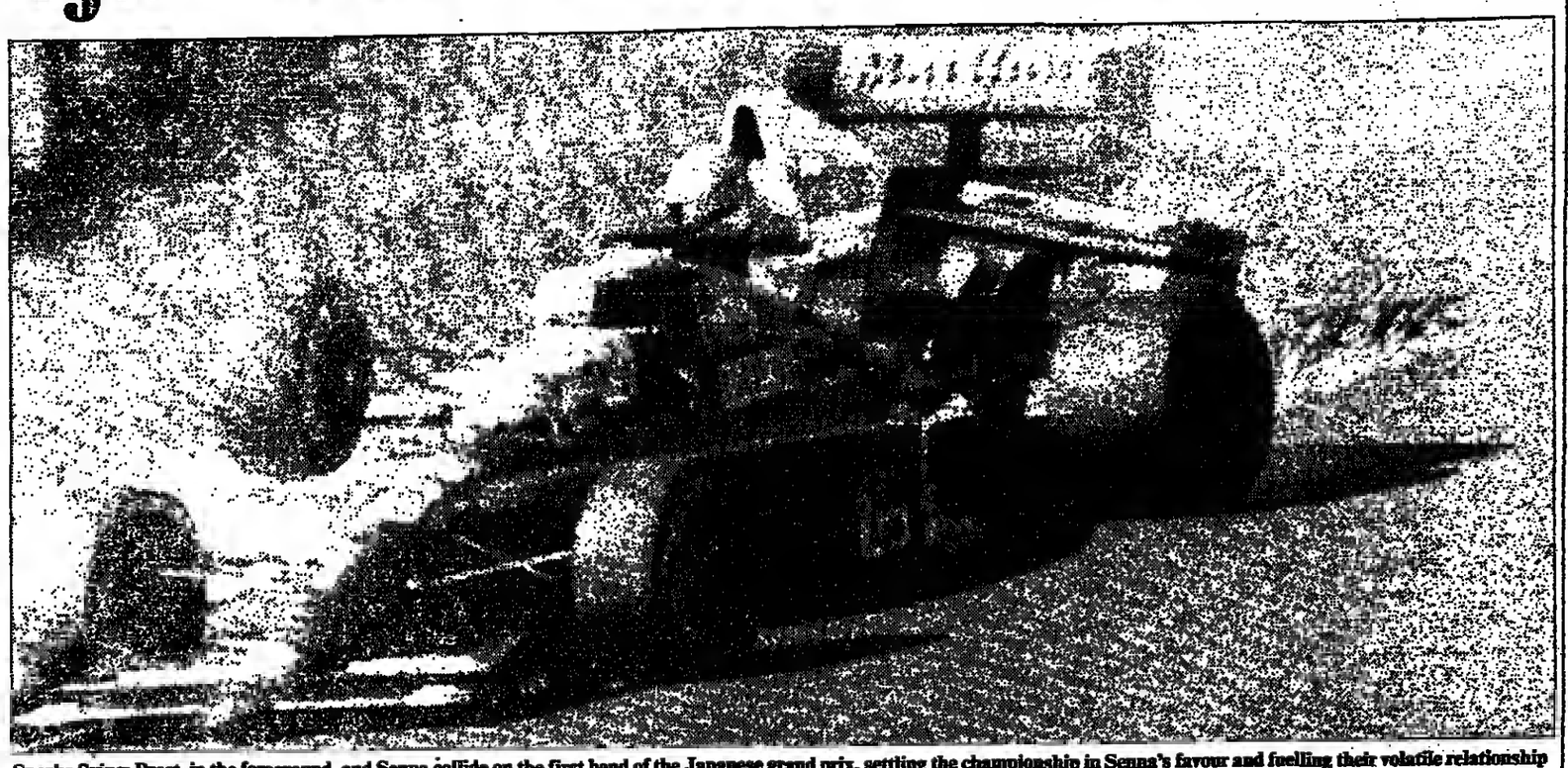
Asked whether Senna could be disqualified, Balestre said: "I am the Fisa president, not a judge. Last year, race stewards disqualified Senna because he cut short in a chicane. This time, they told me on the telephone that there were no elements to allow Senna's disqualification."

After Mansell's mid-race misfortune, it was Piquet and Moreno all the way in a non-stop run made possible by Goodyear's harder B-compound tyres. Aguri Suzuki, of Japan, in his Lola-Lamborghini, delighted the crowd with his run into third place and his first time on a grand prix rostrum.

Derek Warwick and Johnny Herbert, running nose to tail for many laps, both had their Lotus-Lamborghinis up into fifth place at one stage, before having to retire.

Yesterday was probably the richest pay day of Piquet's 12-year Formula One career. The triple world champion has been on a bonus system this year which reputedly earns him £50,000 per point. This means an additional income of £450,000 earned at a rate of more than £4,756 per minute.

Moreno, aged 31, had previously scored just one championship point, with AGS in 1987, and this season he had managed to qualify his EuroBrun on only two occasions in 14 attempts. "It has all happened a bit too quickly for me, but I'd like to dedicate this race to Nannini," he said.



Sparks flying: Prost, in the foreground, and Senna collide on the first bend of the Japanese grand prix, settling the championship in Senna's favour and fuelling their volatile relationship

RESULTS FROM SUZUKA

1, N Piquet (Br), Benetton-Ford, 1hr 34min 36.824sec (av speed 196.923kph); 2, R Moreno (Br), Benetton-Ford, at 7.223sec; 3, A Suzuki (Japan), Espo-Larrousse, at 22.469; 4, R Patrese (It), Williams-Renault, at 36.258; 5, T Boutsen (Bel), Williams-Renault, at 46.884; 6, S Nakajima (Japan), Tyrrell-Ford, at 1min 12.350sec; 7, N Larini (It), Ligier, at 1 lap; 8, P Martini (It), Minardi, at 1; 9, A Caffi (It), Arrows-Ford, at 1; 10, P Alliot (Fr), Ligier, at 1. Did not finish: 11, D Warwick (GB), Lotus-Lamborghini, 38 laps completed; 12, J Herbert (GB), Lotus-Lamborghini, 31; 13, M Alboreto (It), Arrows-Ford, 28; 14, N Mansell (GB), Ferrari, 26; 15, E Pirro (It), Dallara, 24; E Bernard (Fr), Espo-Larrousse, 24; 17, G Morbidelli (It), Minardi, 18; I Capelli (It), Leyton-Judd, 16; 19, A de Cesaris (It), Dallara, 13; 20, M Gugelmin (Br), Leyton-Judd, 5; 21, D Brabham (Aus), Brabham-Judd, 2; 22, G Berger (Austria), McLaren-Honda, 1. Did not start: A Senna (Br), McLaren-Honda; A Prost (Fr), Ferrari; S Modena (It), Brabham-Judd. Fastest lap: Patrese, 1:44.233 (av speed 202.398kph). World drivers' championship: 1, Senna, 78pts; 2, Prost, 68; 3, Berger, 40; 4, Piquet, 35; 5, Boutsen, 32; 6, Mansell, 31; 7, Patrese, 22; 8, A Nannini (It), 21; 9, J Alesi (Fr), 13; equal 10, Capelli, Suzuki and Moreno, 6; 13, E Bernard (Fr), 5; equal 14, Warwick and S Nakajima (Japan), 3; equal 16, Modena and Caffi, 2; 17, Gugelmin, 1. Constructors' championship: 1, McLaren-Honda, 118pts; 2, Ferrari, 100; 3, Benetton-Ford, 62; 4, Williams-Renault, 54; 5, Tyrrell-Ford, 16; 6, Espo-Larrousse, 11; 7, Leyton-Judd, 7; 8, Lotus-Lamborghini, 3; equal 9, Brabham-Judd and Arrows-Ford, 2.

Agony of frustration

NIGEL MANSELL

Britain's leading Formula One driver and member of the Marlboro drivers' team comments on yesterday's Japanese grand prix

IT HAS been a very bad Japanese grand prix for Ferrari, and a very, very disappointing race for me personally. Quite frankly, I feel gutted after being robbed of victory here.

For the team, it is the end of the drivers' and constructors' championships and naturally everyone is feeling very low. When you work very hard for something, it is difficult to take defeat.

We should have had the consolation of a win for me in this race. With Alain, Ayrton, and Gerhard all gone, I was in a position to dictate from the front and I was doing just that. I was so comfortable, almost taking it easy. The best way to win is in the slowest possible time, and that is the way I was going to win.

I had a lead of about eight seconds when I came in for my tyre change. With fresh rubber, the plan was to pick up the pace and I am sure I would have caught and taken Nelson, and I understand he has said as much.

The pit stop was very good. The crew did a quick, slick job. I accelerated down the pit lane, changed from first to second . . . and got nothing. There was no second. I tried third, but there was no third either. There were no gears at all. The transmission was broken and my race was over. I am sure my frustration was evident. I was so dejected.

This would, and should, have been my seventeenth career win, and put me one ahead of Stirling Moss in the all-time list. I still hope to get that seventeenth and more, of course, but when you know you have something in the palm of your hand and it has been taken away, the experience is sickening. At least I did not have far to walk back to the pits!

What happened at the start of the race was all well ahead of me. In fact, I had planned to keep well out of the way. Gerhard, who was alongside me on the grid, made a very quick start and moved across in front of me, so I could not tell what happened with Alain and Ayrton. All I do know is that after the incident the track at the first corner was very slippery for two or three laps. Gerhard was obviously caught out the following lap but I took a little extra care and made sure I did not have any problems. Instead, my problems were to come in the middle of the race.

At times like this you have to look ahead and be positive. I have one more race with Ferrari to come, in Australia, and I shall be going all out for that seventeenth win there.

Miracle touch to a squash triumph

From COLIN MCQUILLAN IN SYDNEY

LISA Opie and Marnine Le Moignan clinched England's fourth successive world squash team title here yesterday, defeating Australia 2-1 in the closest fought final on record.

It was left to Le Moignan, seven days short of her 28th birthday, dispossessed of the individual title last weekend and off the court with calf injuries since Tuesday, to secure England's team championship tenure with a magnificent, fighting, fifth-game victory over Liz Irving in the second-string deciding rubber.

Australia began the final well with Michelle Martin beating Suzanne Horner, 9-1, 6-9, 8-10, 9-5, 9-2, at third string in 45 minutes. But Opie equalised matters with a stunning 9-4, 6-9, 9-6, 9-5 performance against Danielle Drady at first string to set up Le Moignan's heroic 2-9, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3, 9-3 decider.

"It was the most thrilling team final I have seen," Alex Cowie, the England team manager, said. "I thought Suzanne would have won also, but she developed breathing problems in the hot conditions leading 2-1 and 4-1 in the fourth game."

Certainly Horner, aged 26, had appeared to be flowing to victory at 7-1 in the third after a slow start, but she struggled through five game balls to win that game 10-8 then subsided after the first five points of the next game.

The Australians were delighted with the aggressive start. They had begun the day contentiously, protesting at England team order, suggesting that Le Moignan, after five days out with injury, was included illegally to strengthen England's third-string chances. The international adjudication panel threw that out when Cowie produced a statement of Le Moignan's fitness from a chiropractor recommended by the Australians themselves.

Peter Grozdecky, a Canadian practising in Sydney, traced Le Moignan's left leg problems to minor spinal displacement. He also treated Opie for leg and groin stiffness. "We are calling him 'God' for short," Opie said. "He is a real miracle man. He has made different women of us."

Grozdecky's English involvement was not the only Australian tactical error. He was also treating Robyn Lambourne, the Australian first string, for groin strain and later declared her to be closer to match readiness than Le Moignan.

The Australian management team, Margaret Zacharia and Vicki Cardwell, preferred not to risk Lambourne, however. They rejected the option of playing Drady and Irving lower in the order knowing Opie was plainly a banker at first string on the form she showed beating Susan Devoy, of New Zealand, the new world champion, in the team semi-finals.

Drady played with disciplined concentration and some flair against Opie, whom she has never beaten, and might well have exploited Opie's early tentative front-court play to better effect. Irving started with measured brilliance, but ran out of steam as Le Moignan found her feet and began to strike the ball with ferocious intent.

RESULTS: Final: England 2, Australia 1 (L Opie bt D Drady, 9-4, 6-9, 9-6, 9-5; M Le Moignan bt L Irving, 2-9, 9-7, 7-9, 9-3, 9-3; S Horner lost to M Martin, 1-9, 9-6, 10-8, 5-9, 2-9). Final place play-offs (in descending order): New Zealand 3, Germany 0; Ireland 3, Finland 0 (R Best bt T Myllyniemi, 9-2, 9-7, 2-9, 9-6; M Croke bt N Tamiaho, 7-9, 9-5, 7-9, 10-8, 10-8; S Conway bt M Sinnervo, 5-9, 9-7, 9-2, 9-5); Netherlands 2, Canada 1; France 2, United States 1; Scotland 2, Switzerland 1 (A Bowie lost to M Donatsch, 9-10, 9-4, 2-9, 5-9; S Brown bt B Hartman, 9-3, 9-6, 9-5; J Nicol bt B Batschmann, 9-3, 9-3, 9-3); Singapore 2, Hong Kong 1; Sweden 3, Malaysia 0; Spain 3, Papua New Guinea 0.

Arsenal may lose points

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

ARSENAL, involved in a brawl for the second time within a year, are likely to be heavily fined and could face further punishment. The Football Association, which is certain to call for an enquiry into the incident at Old Trafford on Saturday, is empowered to deduct League points.

Arsenal were warned as to their future conduct last December after they and Norwich City had been found guilty of misconduct and of bringing the game into disrepute. Norwich, considered more culpable for the fight involving 20 players, were fined £50,000 and Arsenal £20,000.

Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, said then that "gang warfare" would not be tolerated. But further widespread violence soiled a Littlewoods Cup tie between West Ham United and Wimbledon (both of whom were subsequently fined £20,000) and measures have since been taken to strengthen the sanctions which can be imposed.

Clubs may have points taken away if they misbehave during a League fixture or be withdrawn from cup competitions. Theoretically, Arsenal, who beat Manchester United 1-0, could lose the ground they made up on Liverpool, whose unblemished record was broken at Norwich on Saturday.

● Tottenham Hotspur have signed a £4 million promotion deal with Umbro, the Manchester-based manufacturer of sportswear, under which the players will wear Umbro outfits from the beginning of next season. It has been reported that an upfront payment by Umbro might be used to repay the £1.1 million owed to Headington Investments. The Tottenham board is expected to give a detailed explanation of its financial position this week.

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Bond's licence to thrill

By STEVE ACTESON

WHATEVER else Nigel Bond was capable of conjuring up against the world champion, Stephen Hendry, last night in the final session of the Rothmans grand prix final in Reading, he had already done enough to underline the words of his beaten semi-final opponent, Jimmy White, who said: "This guy is here to stay."

Bond, ranked 38th in the world, who had beaten White 9-8 on the final black of their epic encounter on Saturday, fell 3-0 behind to Hendry in only 45 minutes. The second season professional, from Darley Dale in Derbyshire, then embarked upon an incredible five-frame winning spell to end the afternoon two frames clear with the world No. 1, looking temporarily second rate. Bond's sublime total clearance of 139 in the sixth frame broughtthe capacity crowd of 1,200 at the Hexagon Theatre to its feet.

When Hendry's skittish crack at a red opened the pack, Bond left him scoreless for the third time in four frames with a break of 85, and although Hendry led 33-0 in the eighth frame, he eventually lost that one too.

RESULTS: Semi-final: S Hendry (Scot) bt S James (Eng), 9-5; N Bond (Eng) bt J White (Eng), 9-8. Final: Bond led Hendry, 5-3. Frame scores (Hendry first): 81-15, 82-8, 64-63, 0-108, 2-80, 0-139, 0-86, 43-78.

Dogged persistence makes a champion out of McLean

From a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN QUINTA DO LAGO

MICHAEL McLean stepped out of the chorus line into the European Tour limelight when he won the Portuguese Open here yesterday.

A one-stroke victory over Gordon Brand Jr and the PGA champion, Mike Harwood, gave McLean, aged 27, from Kent, his first major success after he had returned a closing 71 for a 14-under-par 274. Mark James and Paul Broadhurst tied for fourth place after both shot 69 for 276.

McLean now rejoices in the title of tournament players champion, an honour that for the last five years had been beyond his wildest dreams. It gives him a five-year exemption on the European circuit and by winning a £45,825 prize, he has also gained a place in this week's Volvo Masters Tour finale at Valderrama.

For a player who lost his tour card in 1987 and has several times seriously considered leaving the game, this victory was an outstanding achievement. His fortunes had slumped so disastrously that he finished 154th in the money list last season.

His improvement to 83rd place this year had been steady, but he was still relying largely on his sponsor, the Crawley insurance broker, Bernard Warren, until a third round 65 on the Algarve took him out of the pack. In yesterday's frenetic finale, he proved to his fellow professionals and more importantly to himself that he had what it takes to be a champion.

McLean played alongside Brand Jr, a member of the last two Ryder Cup teams and winner of eight titles. It was enough to wreck the nerve of any hardened professional, but the boyish McLean proved the strongest man in the closing stages.

Harwood, champion two years ago, fired seven birdies in 16 holes to set the clubhouse target at 13 under par. At that stage, both Brand and McLean were one behind with six holes to play. But by the 14th the Scot had gathered two more birdies to take a one-shot advantage. However, his putting had let him down at crucial moments in earlier rounds and it did so again when he three-putted the 16th.

McLean effectively won the title when his 100-yard wedge shot finished 15 inches from the 17th flag for the birdie four that put him alongside the vastly experienced Scot.

McLean made no mistake at the last, but Brand Jr again three-putted, failing from five feet, to hand the title to McLean, who was overcome with emotion. "It will take a long while for this to sink in," he said. "Many times I have considered quitting because I did not think I was good enough. I told my fiancée, Vicky Barrett, that I was going to pack it in. But she told me to get back onto the practice ground and keep trying, and she was right."

LEADING FINAL SCORES

GB and Ireland unless stated

274: M McLean, 69, 69, 65, 71. 275: M Harwood (Aus), 70, 69, 71, 66; G Brand Jr, 68, 70, 68, 69. 276: M James, 68, 69, 70, 69; P Broadhurst, 70, 69, 68, 69. 277: R Hartmann (US), 68, 69, 73, 68; O Sellberg (Swe), 67, 68, 70, 72. 278: M Poxon, 73, 69, 69, 69; O Williams, 72, 69, 69, 69. 279: S Bennett, 73, 69, 70, 67; J Quiros (Sp), 72, 68, 68, 71. 280: S Richardson, 67, 74, 72, 67; C Montgomerie, 70, 68, 74, 68; P McWhinney (Aus), 70, 71, 71, 68; M McNulty (Zim), 72, 68, 69, 71; G Turner, 67, 73, 69, 71; M Persson (Swe), 64, 67, 75, 74. 281: E Darcy, 72, 68, 72, 69; P Mitchell, 72, 70, 70, 69; M Lanner (Swe), 72, 72, 68, 69; J Spence, 71, 68, 72, 70; B Barnes, 75, 65, 71, 70; P Teravainen, (US), 71, 69, 70, 71; C Mason, 68, 69, 73, 71.

282: I Mosey, 69, 75, 70, 68; M Moreno (Sp), 71, 74, 69, 68; G Levenson (SA), 71, 71, 70, 70; A Forsbrand (Swe), 72, 72, 67, 71; M Roe, 70, 68, 70, 74; J Haeggman (Swe), 69, 69, 73, 74. 283: E Romero (Arg), 73, 72, 68, 70; R Chapman, 74, 71, 68, 70; K Dickens, 73, 68, 71, 71; O Smyth, 70, 71, 71, 71; B Stephen, 71, 73, 67, 72. 284: M Mouland, 73, 68, 73, 70; M Krantz (Swe), 72, 70, 71, 71; C O'Connor Jr, 71, 74, 66, 73. 285: V Singh (Fiji), 75, 70, 73, 67; R McFarlane, 71, 74, 70, 70; B Ogle (Aus), 70, 71, 73, 71; J Rutledge (Can), 72, 70, 72, 71; B Marchbank, 73, 70, 71, 71; J Bland (SA), 73, 70, 70, 72; R Stelten (US), 69, 71, 71, 74; A Binaghi (It), 68, 76, 67, 74.

New salutes to the memory of 'the Champion'

IVO TENNANT explains why fresh tributes are being paid to one of cricket's immortals

TONIGHT, the eve of the 75th anniversary of his death, W.G. will be lauded again at a commemorative service in south London. There can be few alive who saw him play, and yet the initials are identifiable as few others are. Dr William Gilbert Grace was as renowned a Victorian as the Prince of Wales or Mr Gladstone.

When he died, through fright during a zeppelin attack in the first world war, it was said that "the most wonderful chapter in the whole history of sport is closed."

Through his achievements and his personality, cricket was woven into the popular life of England. When his grave in Elmers End was in disrepair in the 1960s, indignant letters were fired off to national newspapers and *The Cricketer*. It has been restored and, tomorrow afternoon, a wreath in MCC colours will be laid by the Bishop of Rochester.

Some 40 books have been written about this compelling champion whose dominance, prowess and personality were unique. His figures, 54,896 runs, 2,876 wickets and 871 catches, were not unassailable, but they were remarkable for the times. With his great frame, alert eyes, bushy beard, MCC cap and brown cricket shoes, he was, and remains, instantly recognisable.

Tonight, in St George's Church, Beckenham, close to his grave, a poem written by Frederick Healy to commemorate this anniversary will be read:

"In cricket history no one matched W G
The title of champion his for ever to hold
Put on a pedestal high by MacLaren, Ranji and Fry
Each one a giant in the age of gold."

That is how it begins. Doubtless there will be another to follow for the bundredth anniversary. Healy bimself did not know W.G. Indeed, there is perhaps only one person still alive who did: Mrs Primrose Worthington, now 85 and living in Hampshire. She is his granddaughter.

In her holidays from Sherborne School for Girls — where she played in the cricket XI — she often went to W.G.'s capacious house at Mottingham, now an old people's home. To her family, W.G. was known as "Gibby", after his second name.

"There was a big lawn where we played not cricket but croquet and clock golf," she recalls. "An orchard was next to it where he had a greenhouse. The question I am always asked about him is: 'Did he have a squeaky voice?' That was what all the books said. What I remember more clearly was plaiting his beard and tying it up with ribbon. He was great fun."

The Grace family mostly resides now in Fulham, where they have founded a cricket team called the Fulham Farmers. "There is a very strong male line," Mrs. Hamish Grace, widow of W.G.'s great grandson, said. "But my husband found his name a burden when he played cricket so he gave up the game and turned to fencing. Our five sons were similarly affected when at school. They are good cricketers, but no one can match W.G.'s talent.

"People have fond memories of him, but say he was not much of a doctor. I know he was not a particularly rich man and could not have afforded to tour Australia had he not been sponsored," she said.

At the service tonight, there will be readings by Lt Colonel John Stephenson, the secretary of MCC, and by Tony Wright, captain of Gloucestershire, W.G.'s old county. Christopher Martin-Jenkins, editor of *The Cricketer*, will recount in his address an occasion when W.G. attempted to fox an umpire.

Bowled first ball before an expectant crowd which had come to see him bat, he swiftly replaced the bails. "A bit windy today, umpire," he declaimed. "Mind it don't blow your hat off on your way back to the pavilion," was the retort of officialdom. On this occasion, at any rate, the Doctor had to go.